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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1986				REVISED AUGUST 1986				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1985			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	2,005.4	1,754.0	251.4	12.5	1,986.5	1,739.3	247.2	12.4	2,016.8	1,786.9	229.9	11.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.4	54.6	5.8	9.6	60.1	54.0	6.1	10.1	58.8	53.2	5.6	9.5
Baton Rouge 2/	263.0	236.5	26.5	10.1	259.3	232.8	26.5	10.2	262.0	233.7	28.3	10.8
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	76.8	62.7	14.1	18.3	75.3	61.5	13.8	18.3	79.7	70.5	9.2	11.5
Lafayette 4/	108.4	92.6	15.8	14.6	108.7	93.2	15.5	14.2	111.7	101.4	10.3	9.2
Lake Charles 5/	72.4	62.0	10.4	14.4	71.4	61.2	10.2	14.3	75.9	65.0	10.9	14.4
Monroe 6/	68.8	62.3	6.5	9.4	68.2	62.2	6.0	8.9	68.4	61.9	6.5	9.5
New Orleans 7/	595.1	530.9	64.2	10.8	594.1	531.3	62.8	10.6	611.3	544.1	67.2	11.0
Shreveport 8/	166.8	148.2	18.6	11.2	163.3	145.8	17.5	10.7	171.1	154.5	16.6	9.7

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,516,400 for September, increased by 12,100 worker's from August's level but decreased by 87,000 from the September a year ago figure. A seasonal increase in state and local education contributed to the higher level of nonmanufacturing employment in September. Manufacturing employment was also higher for the current month as both durable and nondurable goods experienced increases.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 300 employees, from August's level to 72,500 for September. Increased production of certain miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral products accounted for the upturn in stone, clay, and glass products employment. Fabricated metal products employment fell in September as a result of a decrease in the manufacturing of miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Transportation equipment payrolls were up due to more business for the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment, at 94,100, was 100 more than last month, but 2,900 below the year ago figure. A seasonal increase in the canned fruits and vegetables industry was a factor in the upturn of employment in food and kindred products. Less business in several segments of the chemicals and allied products industry resulted in lower employment levels. An increase occurred in other nondurable goods employment due largely to an upturn in the textile mill products industry and the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products industry.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during September was 1,349,800, up by 11,700 from the August level. Mining employment was down due to less demand for oil and gas field services. Cutbacks by general building contractors and special trade contractors accounted for the lower employment level in the construction industry. Contributing to the upturn in transportation and public utilities employment were increases in trucking and warehousing payrolls and water transportation employment. Trade employment for September was down as both wholesale and retail segments experienced a decrease. Cutbacks by insurance carriers, insurance agents, brokers and services, real estate and holding and other investment offices resulted in the decrease of employment for finance, insurance and real estate. Seasonal employee additions in educational services primarily accounted for the increase in services employment for September. The opening of state and local schools was responsible for the large gain in government workers this month.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 119,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $440.99 in August to $445.84 in September, an increase of $4.85 and an increase of $5.68 above September of last year. The average hourly earnings figure was one cent lower than last month but six cents more than September of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.3 for the current month, an increase of 0.5 hours from last month's average of 41.8 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 251,400 in September, an increase of 4,200 above the August revised level of 247,200. The unemployment rate for September was 12.5 percent compared to 12.4 percent for last month and 11.4 percent for September a year ago. The comparable national unemployment rate for September was 6.8 percent compared to 6.7 percent in August and 6.9 percent for September of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,986,500 in August to 2,005,400 in September, an increase of 18,900. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,739,300 in August to 1,754,000 in September, an increase of 14.700.

Louisiana's unemployment rate is expected to fall during the next two or three months as the holiday season begins. Educational services will likely show some growth next month as additional faculty and staff round out schools needs for the year.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change from August 1986	Net Change from September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,516.4	1,504.3	1,603.9	+12.1	-87.5
MINING	57.7	58.9	81.3	- 1.2	-23.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	55.4	78.2	- 1.2	-24.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.5	3.5	3.1	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	93.5	94.5	107.5	- 1.0	-14.0
MANUFACTURING	166.6	166.2	177.1	+ 0.4	-10.5
Durable Goods	72.5	72.2	80.1	+ 0.3	- 7.6
Lumber and Wood Products	13.1	13.0	12.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.7	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.4	6.2	7.0	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.6	0	- 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.1	12.3	13.8	- 0.2	- 1.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.0	8.0	10.1	0	- 2.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	9.1	0	- 1.7
Transportation Equipment	19.8	19.5	20.5	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.2	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nondurable Goods	94.1	94.0	97.0	+ 0.1	- 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	22.1	21.6	22.5	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	8.8	0	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	11.3	11.4	11.3	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.0	26.4	28.2	- 0.4	- 2.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.1	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.5	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.2	3.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.1	104.2	114.6	+ 0.9	- 9.5
Railroad Transportation	5.7	5.7	6.1	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.4	58.1	67.1	+ 1.3	- 7.7
Water Transportation	26.7	25.9	30.4	+ 0.8	- 3.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.4	41.4	- 0.4	- 1.4
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.8	18.8	19.9	0	- 1.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.2	21.6	21.5	- 0.4	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	375.2	376.7	387.2	- 1.5	-12.0
Wholesale Trade	84.1	84.5	92.1	- 0.4	- 8.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.2	46.7	52.8	- 0.5	- 6.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.9	37.8	39.3	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Retail Trade	291.1	292.2	295.1	- 1.1	- 4.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.1	59.8	58.8	- 0.7	+ 0.3
Food Stores	58.2	57.5	56.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.5	31.9	32.7	- 0.4	- 1.2
Eating & Drinking Places	89.2	89.7	91.0	- 0.5	- 1.8
Other Retail Trade	53.1	53.3	55.7	- 0.2	- 2.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change from August 1985	Net Change from September 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.6	84.9	85.9	- 0.3	- 1.3
Banking	27.3	27.3	27.7	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	318.2	313.7	324.9	+ 4.5	- 6.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	20.9	24.7	+ 1.0	- 2.8
Personal Services	16.1	15.8	15.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Business Services	51.9	52.3	59.6	- 0.4	- 7.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.6	7.7	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.8	10.2	10.2	- 0.4	- 0.4
Health Services	92.9	92.8	91.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Legal Services	13.7	14.0	13.6	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Educational Services	28.2	24.5	25.4	+ 3.7	+ 2.8
Social Services	18.3	17.2	17.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.6
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.8	25.2	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	16.7	16.8	17.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	315.5	305.2	325.4	+10.3	- 9.9
Federal	34.9	35.1	35.7	- 0.2	- 0.8
State and Local	280.6	270.1	289.7	+10.5	- 9.1
State	98.5	97.0	106.3	+ 1.5	- 7.8
Local	182.1	173.1	183.4	+ 9.0	- 1.3

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$445.84	$440.99	$440.16	42.3	41.8	42.0	$10.54	$10.55	$10.48
Durable Goods	394.25	381.48	405.84	41.5	40.8	42.1	9.50	9.35	9.64
Lumber & Wood Products	317.48	326.01	322.73	41.5	40.7	40.8	7.65	8.01	7.91
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	389.06	376.66	361.58	41.7	39.4	40.4	9.33	9.56	8.95
Fabricated Metal Products	378.40	351.96	456.48	44.0	42.0	48.0	8.60	8.38	9.51
Machinery, ex. Electrical	389.91	385.69	437.44	41.0	40.9	44.5	9.51	9.43	9.83
Electric & Electronic Equip.	532.72	469.04	438.99	43.1	41.0	39.8	12.36	11.44	11.03
Transportation Equipment	434.30	416.57	446.07	40.4	40.8	40.7	10.75	10.21	10.96
Nondurable Goods	491.34	492.76	471.38	43.1	42.7	41.9	11.40	11.54	11.25
Food & Kindred Products	330.54	354.28	298.40	42.0	43.1	40.0	7.87	8.22	7.46
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.54	207.10	177.98	39.5	38.0	33.9	5.33	5.45	5.25
Paper & Allied Products	602.94	583.51	584.64	45.3	43.0	44.8	13.31	13.57	13.05
Printing & Publishing	404.82	394.44	388.80	39.0	38.0	40.0	10.38	10.38	9.72
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	670.58	658.12	639.60	43.8	43.7	43.1	15.31	15.06	14.84
Petroleum & Coal Products	679.62	682.09	709.96	47.0	47.4	48.1	14.46	14.39	14.76
Petroleum Refining	694.99	695.04	728.51	47.7	48.0	48.6	14.57	14.48	14.99
MINING	522.73	528.07	516.90	46.3	46.2	46.4	11.29	11.43	11.14
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	515.78	514.14	541.88	41.0	41.0	42.5	12.58	12.54	12.75
BANKING	257.18	258.23	252.45	38.1	38.6	39.2	6.75	6.69	6.44

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 119,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 87,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 09 86				REVISED 08 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	26,675	21,825	4,850	18.2	26,025	21,425	4,600	17.7
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,125	8,650	1,475	14.5	9,850	8,425	1,425	14.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,775	6,875	1,900	21.6	8,625	6,800	1,825	21.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	18,300	15,250	3,050	16.6	18,350	15,050	3,300	18.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,075	12,350	1,725	12.3	13,975	12,325	1,650	11.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,100	6,175	925	13.1	6,925	6,025	900	13.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	5,075	4,200	875	17.2	4,900	4,125	775	15.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,350	4,825	525	10.0	5,350	4,825	525	9.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,425	4,350	1,075	19.7	5,225	4,175	1,050	20.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,275	7,425	850	10.4	8,250	7,400	850	10.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	11,225	9,350	1,875	16.7	11,025	9,150	1,875	17.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	15,025	13,025	2,000	13.4	15,150	13,150	2,000	13.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,925	4,150	775	15.6	4,900	4,025	875	17.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,950	7,875	1,075	12.0	8,750	7,725	1,025	11.8
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	15,275	12,550	2,725	17.8	15,400	12,700	2,700	17.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,400	7,975	1,425	15.2	9,100	7,700	1,400	15.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,425	6,525	900	12.3	7,250	6,325	925	12.7
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	32,350	26,250	6,100	18.8	32,175	26,050	6,125	19.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,775	10,675	2,100	16.5	12,675	10,575	2,100	16.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,450	6,775	675	9.0	7,325	6,675	650	8.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	14,500	11,975	2,525	17.4	14,275	11,775	2,500	17.5
JENA (LASALLE)	7,750	6,700	1,050	13.5	8,000	6,950	1,050	13.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	19,150	17,975	1,175	6.2	17,875	16,850	1,025	5.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,350	5,475	875	13.9	6,175	5,350	825	13.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,325	11,525	1,800	13.5	13,175	11,350	1,825	13.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	18,325	16,375	1,950	10.6	17,775	15,825	1,950	11.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,550	9,375	1,175	11.2	10,675	9,550	1,125	10.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,725	7,200	1,525	17.5	8,650	6,975	1,675	19.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,625	4,100	525	11.2	4,525	4,025	500	10.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,500	8,250	1,250	13.2	9,150	7,900	1,250	13.6
MANY (SABINE)	10,550	9,125	1,425	13.6	10,550	9,075	1,475	13.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,675	3,150	525	14.4	3,625	3,150	475	13.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,725	7,350	1,375	15.7	8,900	7,475	1,425	16.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	38,725	31,300	7,425	19.2	38,425	30,900	7,525	19.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	32,800	25,675	7,125	21.7	33,075	26,000	7,075	21.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	41,050	35,400	5,650	13.7	39,650	34,200	5,450	13.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,900	3,550	350	9.2	3,675	3,325	350	9.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,725	7,725	1,000	11.4	8,675	7,650	1,025	11.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	23,675	19,025	4,650	19.6	23,475	18,900	4,575	19.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,350	17,700	1,650	8.5	19,225	17,675	1,550	8.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,475	17,000	2,475	12.7	19,150	16,625	2,525	13.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,500	17,625	2,875	14.0	20,575	17,775	2,800	13.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,475	4,450	1,025	18.9	5,400	4,350	1,050	19.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,425	3,875	550	12.6	4,350	3,800	550	12.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,875	5,225	650	11.2	5,850	5,200	650	11.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September	August	September	Net Change From	
	1986*	1986**	1985**	August 1986	September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.2	44.6	45.3	+ 0.6	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.2	11.1	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.0	8.9	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.0	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.2	10.0	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.1	13.0	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.5	10.4	+ 0.3	- 0.6
State	5.0	5.0	5.5	0	- 0.5
Local	4.8	4.5	4.9	+ 0.3	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,200 during September. This estimate was 600 more than August and 100 less than September of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during September totaled 3,500. This total was unchanged from the previous month and the same as September of last year. Since last year there was a slight increase in lumber and wood products manufacturing, and a slight decrease in other durable goods manufacturing.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated to be 41,700 during September. This was an increase of 600 over the past month, and a decrease of 100 since last September. Since August, there have been gains in retail trade, services and local government. These gains were due to a new store opening and educational facilities opening for the fall semester. Since last September, there have been gains in retail trade and in services, but offsetting losses in state and local governments due to budget reductions.

During the next thirty days employment should remain relatively stable, with a slight increase in the number of unemployed.

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change From August 1986	Net Change From September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	214.9	211.8	217.1	+ 3.1	- 2.2
MANUFACTURING	20.1	20.0	20.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.7	16.4	0	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.3	11.4	11.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.5	22.2	22.5	- 0.7	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.7	10.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.1	50.7	51.4	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.5	11.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.2	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	40.5	40.2	40.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.9	14.0	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.4	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.3	41.7	41.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	54.3	51.3	55.8	+ 3.0	- 1.5
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	52.1	49.1	53.6	+ 3.0	- 1.5
State	31.2	28.1	32.3	+ 3.1	- 1.1
Local	20.9	21.0	21.3	- 0.1	- 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	September '86*	August '86**	September '85**	September '86*	August '86**	September '85**	September '86*	August '86**	September '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$515.43	$406.75	$539.46	41.5	41.3	43.4	$12.32	$12.27	$12.43
Petro-Chemicals	708.39	682.18	692.19	46.3	45.6	46.3	15.30	14.96	14.95

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 214,900 during September was up 3,100 from the August revised estimate. Manufacturing was up 100 and nonmanufacturing was up 3,000 during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing, at 20,100 in September, was up 100 over the August revised estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in metal cans and shipping containers and in fabricated structural metal products. Nondurable goods had no change; however, food and kindred products were up due to seasonal gains in sugar and confectionery products, while chemical and petroleum products were down due to less business in industrial organic chemicals and in agricultural chemicals.

Total manufacturing was up during the current period. Mining had no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors, nonresidential buildings, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, and in painting, paper hanging, and decorating. Transportation and public utilities were down due to seasonal drops in services incidental to water transportation and in radio and television broadcasting. Also, water supply was down due to student workers returning to school. Wholesale trade was up due to more business in beer, wine and alcoholic beverages sales. Retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores, in shoe stores, and in miscellaneous retail goods stores. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to seasonal drops in subdividers and developers. Services were up due to seasonal increases in elementary and secondary schools and in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. State government was up due to seasonal increases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges. Local government was down due to student workers returning to school.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing was $515.43, up $8.68 from the August revised average. Average weekly hours were up two tenths of an hour and average hourly earnings were up $0.15 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 236,500 during September, up 3,700 from the August revised estimate and up 2,800 over September of last year. Unemployment at 26,500 during September was unchanged from the August revised estimate. The September unemployment rate at 10.1 percent was down from last month's revised 10.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 12.5 percent and the national rate was 6.8 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 263,000 during the current period.

Seasonal increases are expected to help increase employment during the coming months.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,985 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 221 applicants in jobs during September.

The consumer price index for August, 1986 for all urban consumers was 328.6 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 323.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands of Workers)

				Net Change From	
	[illegible]	August [illegible]	September 1985**	August 1986	September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	[illegible]	[illegible]	65.8	+ 0.1	- 8.8
MANUFACTURING	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.2	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Durable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.5	0	- 1.0
Nondurable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.7	+ 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.1	- 0.2	- 1.7
CONSTRUCTION	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.6	0	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.6	- 0.1	- 1.8
Water Transportation	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.0	- 0.1	- 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	[illegible]	[illegible]	15.3	- 0.1	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.8	0	- 1.5
Eating & Drinking Places	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.0	0	0
SERVICES	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.1	- 0.3	- 1.1
GOVERNMENT	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.3	+ 0.6	- 0.4
Federal	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.5	0	0
State and Local	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.8	+ 0.6	- 0.4
State	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.2	+ 0.8	0
Local	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in September edged up to 57,000, a level 100 above August. A normal September upturn in educational services offset decreases in many other industries. Since September of 1985, total employment lost 8,800 workers, showing a loss of 14.2 percent. Each industry division [illegible]. Total nonagricultural employment is now at the lowest level since [illegible] of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled [illegible] in September, up 200 from the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged over the previous month but nondurable goods went up 200 with an upturn in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,200.

Mining sustained its present downward trend, dipping further from what was already the lowest level in more than ten years. Water transportation adjusted downward. Wholesale trade tapered off in durable goods, services showed a decrease spread through several industries. More favorably, government pushed up seasonally, mainly reflecting the beginning of the fall semester in state universities. Construction held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate displayed no overall change.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in September increased to 14,100, a level 300 above August. The long range problems of declining employment levels were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 18.3 percent of the labor force compared to 18.3 percent in August and 11.5 percent in September of last year. The September rate was much higher than the state rate of 12.5 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 4,441.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small seasonal overall gain. However, total changes will depend greatly on developments in the oil and gas industry and other industries closely affected by it. Unemployment is expected to exhibit little change.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change from August 1986	Net Change from September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	87.1	87.0	99.6	+ 0.1	-12.5
MANUFACTURING	4.6	4.6	6.0	0	- 1.4
Durable Goods	1.5	1.6	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.0	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
MINING	14.0	13.8	17.2	+ 0.2	- 3.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.5	4.3	5.4	+ 0.2	- 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.6	23.5	25.9	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.6	6.5	- 0.1	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.3	3.4	4.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Retail Trade	18.1	17.9	19.4	+ 0.2	- 1.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.7	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.6	1.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.1	10.1	11.0	0	- 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	4.1	0	- 0.6
Banking	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	17.8	18.0	19.9	- 0.2	- 2.1
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.8	13.8	- 0.1	- 1.1
Federal	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.9	12.8	- 0.1	- 1.0
State	4.2	4.2	5.3	0	- 1.1
Local	7.6	7.7	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette during September amounted to 87,100, an increase of 100 from the previous month but a decrease of 12,500 below the comparable period a year ago. The bulk of the decrease from a year ago came from the nonmanufacturing segment.

Mining, in an unusual change, increased 200 from the previous month but decreased 3,200 from September of 1985.

The remaining segments appeared to be relatively stable. There is a noticeable deviation, however, from comparable periods a year ago.

Lafayette's unemployment rate may fall in the coming months as seasonal employment occurs. Employment in the trade segment is expected to increase as workers are added for the coming holiday season. There should also be a growth in the educational segment due to the new school term.

HOUMA-THIBODAUX - CONTINUED
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in September increased to 14,100, a level 300 above August. The long range problems of declining employment levels were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 18.3 percent of the labor force compared to 18.3 percent in August and 11.5 percent in September of last year. The September rate was much higher than the state rate of 12.5 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 4,441.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small seasonal overall gain. However, total changes will depend greatly on developments in the oil and gas industry and other industries closely affected by it. Unemployment is expected to exhibit little change.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change From August 1986	September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	54.2	58.9	+ 0.6	- 4.1
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.4	9.1	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	0.7	0.6	0.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.6	1.7	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.7	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	3.8	4.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.2	14.7	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.4	11.4	11.6	0	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.1	10.0	11.2	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.1	10.8	11.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.1	10.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
State	3.8	3.5	3.8	+ 0.3	0
Local	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lake Charles during September stood at 54,800, an increase of 600 from the previous month but 400 less than September of 1985. This large increase was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment.

Nonmanufacturing increased 500 from August. The bulk of this increase came from the governmental segment of the economy.

Manufacturing showed little variation from the previous month but a 600 decrease was noted from the comparable period a year ago.

The remaining cells showed very little change.

Employment is expected to increase somewhat over the next thirty days due to seasonal hiring, and unemployment may decrease slightly.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change From August 1986	Net Change From September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.1	55.9	- 0.3	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.5	7.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.6	2.4	2.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.1	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.2	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.7	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.4	3.6	- 0.4	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.7	2.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.5	15.7	16.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.3	11.5	12.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.2	3.6	3.6	- 0.4	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.2	11.0	- 0.2	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.8	0.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	9.1	8.7	9.9	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	8.5	8.1	9.3	+ 0.4	- 0.8
State	3.8	3.4	5.0	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Local	4.7	4.7	4.3	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 54,800 during mid-September, declined by 300 workers.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,800, was up 300. Durable goods rose by 200, while nondurable goods was up by 100.

Nonmanufacturing declined by 600 to an estimated 47,000. Construction was down by 400, reflecting not only a general decline but also the unusually wet September which inhibited outside work. Transportation and public utilities was down by 200. Wholesale and retail trade declined by 200 as several establishments either closed or began lay-offs leading to closure. Services declined by 200. Government gained 400 as the fall semester got under way at educational facilities. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to show slight losses while unemployment continues to be high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change From August 1986	Net Change From September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	506.6	509.0	534.3	- 2.4	-27.7
MANUFACTURING	43.0	42.9	45.3	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Durable Goods	20.9	20.9	22.8	0	- 1.9
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	3.3	0	- 0.9
Machinery	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	12.0	12.0	12.2	0	- 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.1	22.0	22.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	6.5	6.5	6.5	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.2	4.2	4.5	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
MINING	16.3	16.6	19.4	- 0.3	- 3.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.7	16.0	18.8	- 0.3	- 3.1
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.9	28.2	- 0.6	- 3.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.9	43.3	45.9	- 0.4	- 3.0
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	12.5	12.9	13.8	- 0.4	- 1.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	137.4	137.5	139.6	- 0.1	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	32.8	32.7	35.5	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.9	19.0	21.1	- 0.1	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.7	14.4	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Retail Trade	104.6	104.8	104.1	- 0.2	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.9	32.9	33.2	0	- 0.3
Banking	7.7	7.7	7.5	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	129.1	127.0	134.8	+ 2.1	- 5.7
GOVERNMENT	80.7	83.9	87.9	- 3.2	- 7.2
Federal	15.4	15.5	15.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	65.3	68.4	72.2	- 3.1	- 6.9
State	20.9	20.3	21.9	+ 0.6	- 1.0
Local	44.4	48.1	50.3	- 3.7	- 5.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$424.94	$432.14	$433.84	39.9	41.0	41.2	$10.65	$10.54	$10.53
Durable Goods	370.94	377.45	411.58	38.4	39.9	41.7	9.66	9.46	9.87
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	332.48	346.21	380.80	32.5	35.4	40.0	10.23	9.78	9.52
Fabricated Metal Products	327.08	330.38	461.50	37.0	37.5	50.0	8.84	8.81	9.23
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.41	370.39	380.27	39.1	41.2	37.8	9.55	8.99	10.06
Nondurable Goods	476.60	486.99	456.65	41.3	42.2	40.7	11.54	11.54	11.22
Food & Kindred Products	336.94	357.82	335.51	39.5	40.8	39.8	8.53	8.77	8.43
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	118.50	131.89	104.12	23.1	24.2	20.7	5.13	5.45	5.03
Paper & Allied Products	409.94	396.76	438.55	45.6	42.8	49.0	8.99	9.27	8.95
Printing & Publishing	421.42	412.93	398.11	42.1	41.5	42.9	10.01	9.95	9.28
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	698.15	685.61	654.59	45.1	46.2	41.8	15.48	14.84	15.66

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in September moved down to 506,600, a level 2,400 below August and 27,700 below September of last year. Every industry division except services and manufacturing showed a decrease. The largest change was seasonal in nature. Total nonagricultural employment presently stands at the lowest level since 1978.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,000 in September, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged except for ship and boatbuilding and repair which increased 100 because of hiring at a local shipyard. Other nondurable goods posted an increase of 100. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 2,300 employees.

Local government was lowered by layoffs of temporary summer workers by city and parish administrative services, which were partly offset by callbacks in the public schools as the autumn term began. State government showed a gain in state institutions of higher learning. Construction sustained the downtrend of the past year. Mining continued to reflect downward employment adjustments in the oil and gas industry. Water transportation moved down to a lower level. In trade, a small overall increase in wholesale trade was offset by a minor total decrease in retail trade. The opening of a large new retail complex helped prevent a larger overall decrease in retail trade. More favorably, services reflected the beginning of the fall term in private educational services. The hotel-motel industry added workers, favored by the beginning of the autumn sports and cultural seasons. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $424.94 a week in September, down $7.20 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased slightly from the previous month but average hourly earnings increased $0.11. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $8.90.

Estimated unemployment in September increased to 64,200, a level 1,400 above August. The long range problems of declining employment levels were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.8 percent of the labor force compared to 10.6 percent in August and 11.0 percent in September of last year. The decrease in employment over the year is attributed at least partly to the number of people leaving the area in search of work elsewhere. The September rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 12.5 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.8 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance totaled 17,994. Approximately 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 35.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show some overall increase. Retail trade will benefit from the opening of a large retail complex and large stores elsewhere. Both public and private educational services will probably add more workers as the autumn school term moves further along. But changes in total employment will be strongly affected by developments in the oil and gas industry, the port, tourism, and manufacturing. Unemployment will probably show little overall change.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1986*	August 1986**	September 1985**	Net Change From August 1986	Net Change From September 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.4	131.5	143.0	+ 1.9	- 9.6
MANUFACTURING	18.2	18.3	21.5	- 0.1	- 3.3
Durable Goods	13.5	13.5	16.6	0	- 3.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.9	7.8	10.5	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.2	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	5.9	8.3	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.9	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nondurable Good	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 0.1	0
MINING	3.1	3.1	4.9	0	- 1.8
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	8.3	8.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	8.0	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.0	30.9	33.7	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.2	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	22.9	22.7	25.0	+ 0.2	- 2.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	8.1	7.9	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
SERVICES	30.0	29.9	31.8	+ 0.1	- 1.8
GOVERNMENT	27.1	25.1	26.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
Federal	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
State and Local	22.6	20.5	21.6	+ 2.1	+ 1.0
State	8.5	8.4	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Local	14.1	12.1	14.3	+ 2.0	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**	Sept. '86*	August '86**	Sept. '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.45	419.10	425.17	41.3	39.5	40.3	10.81	10.61	10.55
Lumber and Wood Products	212.77	207.40	256.04	35.7	34.0	41.7	5.96	6.10	6.14
Metals and Machinery	444.78	430.15	421.06	42.0	41.4	40.8	10.59	10.39	10.32
Food and Kindred Products	298.80	305.63	304.63	40.0	39.9	41.0	7.47	7.66	7.43
Printing and Publishing	281.51	294.84	252.97	30.8	32.4	30.7	9.14	9.10	8.24
Petroleum and Coal Products	538.65	522.76	544.10	43.9	43.6	45.8	12.27	11.99	11.88

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total for the Shreveport labor area is estimated at 133,400, an increase of 1,900 from the revised August estimate and is 9,600 less than the September, 1985 estimate. The nonagricultural employment loss during the past year occurred in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries. Manufacturing employment has declined 3,300 or 15.3 percent, while nonmanufacturing employment dropped 6,300 or 5.2 percent during the twelve-month period.

Total manufacturing employment at 18,200 is nearly unchanged from the revised August estimate of 18,300. This employment decline occurred in nondurable goods manufacturing.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased to 115,200, up from the revised August estimate of 113,200. Employment in local government showed the most significant gain during the past month, up from 12,100 in August to 14,100 in September. Additional employment gains in trade, finance, insurance and real estate and services were offset by job losses in construction and transportation and public utilities.

This labor market area has 12,900 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $446.45. The average weekly hours are 41.3, with average hourly earnings of $10.81.

The current civilian labor force is 166,800, comprised of 148,200 employed and 18,600 unemployed. The unemployment rate is 11.2 percent, compared to 12.5 percent for the state and the U.S. labor force rate of 6.8 percent.

This area is expected to show the usual seasonal changes during the remainder of 1986. Services employment will decline as the racing season ends, and trade will show employment gains in December. Unemployment is expected to move slightly above the present level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1986				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1986				REVISED OCTOBER 1985			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,989.6	1,733.4	256.2	12.9	1,998.5	1,746.0	252.5	12.6	2,012.9	1,786.4	226.5	11.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	54.1	6.2	10.3	60.0	54.2	5.8	9.7	58.9	53.2	5.7	9.7
Baton Rouge 2/	261.9	234.8	27.1	10.3	261.3	234.7	26.6	10.2	260.8	233.0	27.8	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	76.3	62.0	14.3	18.8	76.1	62.0	14.1	18.5	79.5	70.5	9.0	11.3
Lafayette 4/	105.5	89.3	16.2	15.4	107.3	91.3	16.0	14.9	112.3	101.7	10.6	9.4
Lake Charles 5/	72.6	62.5	10.1	13.9	72.5	62.1	10.4	14.3	75.6	65.0	10.6	14.0
Monroe 6/	69.0	62.0	7.0	10.1	69.2	62.7	6.5	9.4	68.9	62.4	6.5	9.5
New Orleans 7/	596.2	531.2	65.0	10.9	596.7	531.8	64.9	10.9	610.9	545.5	65.4	10.7
Shreveport 8/	163.9	144.8	19.1	11.6	165.6	146.9	18.7	11.3	172.0	155.5	16.5	9.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,520,300 for October, an increase of 2,500 from September's level, but 88,700 lower than October a year ago. Gains in government and trade employment were largely responsible for the increase in nonmanufacturing. In the manufacturing sector, nondurable goods payrolls were higher for October.

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During October, total employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 800 workers. A decrease in the transportation equipment industry was largely responsible for the drop in durable goods.

Total nondurable goods employment for October, at 96,000, was up by 1,800 over the September level, but a drop of 1,500 workers from the year-ago figure. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products payrolls accounted for the upturn in nondurable goods employment. Apparel and other textile products employment was higher as a result of increases in several segments of this industry.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during October was 1,352,400, up 1,500 from the September level. Mining employment was up due to an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. A decrease of activity for certain special trade contractors accounted in large part for the decrease in construction payrolls. Trade employment was up, mainly due to increased hiring at department stores and food stores. Less activity in banking was most significant in the employment decline in finance, insurance and real estate. Government employment rose primarily as a result of an increase in local education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,700 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $446.05 in September to $439.32, a decrease of $6.73, and a decrease of $1.68 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were six cents lower in October than last month and four cents lower than October of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, a decrease of 0.4 hours from last month's average of 42.4 hours.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 256,200 in October, an increase of 3,700 from the September revised level of 252,500. The unemployment rate for October was 12.9 percent compared to 12.6 percent for last month and 11.3 percent for October 1985. The comparable national unemployment rate for October was 6.6 percent, compared to 6.8 percent in September and 6.8 percent for October of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,998,500 in September to 1,989,600 in October, a decrease of 8,900. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,746,000 in September to 1,733,400 in October, a drop of 12,600.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably show a decline in the upcoming months due to hiring for the holiday season.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change from Sept. 1986	Net Change from October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,520.3	1,517.8	1,609.0	+ 2.5	-88.7
MINING	58.2	57.8	80.4	+ 0.4	-22.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.2	77.2	+ 0.5	-22.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.5	3.6	3.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	92.2	93.4	108.2	- 1.2	-16.0
MANUFACTURING	167.9	166.9	176.7	+ 1.0	- 8.8
Durable Goods	71.9	72.7	79.2	- 0.8	- 7.3
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	13.1	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.5	0.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.2	6.4	6.8	- 0.2	- 0.6
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.4	0	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	12.2	13.8	- 0.3	- 1.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.1	8.0	9.8	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.4	9.0	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Transportation Equipment	19.1	19.8	20.2	- 0.7	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.2	2.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	96.0	94.2	97.5	+ 1.8	- 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	23.7	22.2	22.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.5	8.1	9.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	26.0	28.0	- 0.1	- 2.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.1	12.1	12.3	0	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	3.8	0	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.6	103.8	115.4	- 0.2	-11.8
Railroad Transportation	5.6	5.6	6.1	0	- 0.5
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.2	58.3	67.7	- 0.1	- 9.5
Water Transportation	26.1	26.0	30.4	+ 0.1	- 4.3
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	39.8	39.9	41.6	- 0.1	- 1.8
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.6	18.7	19.8	- 0.1	- 1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.2	21.2	21.8	0	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.9	375.2	389.9	+ 1.7	-13.0
Wholesale Trade	83.6	83.9	91.6	- 0.3	- 8.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	46.2	52.6	- 0.3	- 6.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.7	39.0	0	- 1.3
Retail Trade	293.3	291.3	298.3	+ 2.0	- 5.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.4	59.3	61.5	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Food Stores	59.5	58.2	57.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.3	31.7	32.9	- 0.4	- 1.6
Eating & Drinking Places	89.4	89.2	90.5	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Other Retail Trade	52.7	52.9	56.2	- 0.2	- 3.5

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change from Sept. 1986	Net Change from October 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.9	84.6	85.7	- 0.7	- 1.8
Banking	27.0	27.2	27.7	- 0.2	- 0.7
SERVICES	317.4	316.8	323.5	+ 0.6	- 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	21.6	24.8	+ 0.2	- 3.0
Personal Services	15.8	16.0	15.0	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Business Services	52.5	51.9	59.2	+ 0.6	- 6.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.6	10.6	10.5	0	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	7.5	0	- 0.8
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.3	9.6	9.7	- 0.3	- 0.4
Health Services	93.0	93.2	91.4	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Legal Services	13.8	13.7	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Educational Services	27.4	27.3	25.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Social Services	18.4	18.1	17.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.4	25.4	24.8	0	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Services	16.8	16.6	17.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
GOVERNMENT	320.2	319.3	329.2	+ 0.9	- 9.0
Federal	35.0	35.0	35.3	0	- 0.3
State and Local	285.2	284.3	293.9	+ 0.9	- 8.7
State	104.0	104.3	108.2	- 0.3	- 4.2
Local	181.2	180.0	185.7	+ 1.2	- 4.5

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '90*	Sept. '90**	October '89**	October '90*	Sept. '90**	October '89**	October '90*	Sept. '90**	October '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$439.32	$446.05	$441.00	42.0	42.4	42.0	$10.46	$10.52	$10.50
Durable Goods	380.55	396.25	402.95	40.1	41.5	41.8	9.49	9.55	9.64
Lumber & Wood Products	312.73	317.68	321.15	40.3	41.5	40.6	7.76	7.65	7.91
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	369.67	389.05	393.98	39.6	41.3	42.0	9.33	9.42	9.38
Fabricated Metal Products	358.42	383.17	430.69	41.7	44.4	45.7	8.60	8.63	9.42
Machinery, ex. Electrical	351.59	392.09	417.42	36.7	41.1	42.9	9.58	9.54	9.73
Electric & Electronic Equip.	528.15	532.72	453.76	42.0	43.1	39.9	12.56	12.36	11.38
Transportation Equipment	415.11	435.38	439.97	39.8	40.5	40.7	10.43	10.75	10.81
Nondurable Goods	489.88	490.75	476.44	43.7	43.2	42.2	11.21	11.36	11.29
Food & Kindred Products	342.40	337.03	295.16	44.7	42.5	40.1	7.66	7.93	7.36
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	206.12	209.09	191.44	38.6	39.6	36.4	5.34	5.28	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	604.66	599.85	594.90	44.2	45.0	45.0	13.68	13.33	13.22
Printing & Publishing	392.58	396.94	388.33	38.3	38.5	40.2	10.25	10.31	9.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	665.87	671.40	645.39	44.9	44.2	42.6	14.83	15.19	15.15
Petroleum & Coal Products	697.90	682.54	740.53	47.9	47.3	49.7	14.57	14.43	14.90
Petroleum Refining	714.42	697.92	758.01	48.6	48.0	50.1	14.70	14.54	15.13
MINING	539.60	539.14	522.19	46.8	46.8	47.3	11.53	11.52	11.04
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	521.80	529.25	509.85	40.2	40.9	40.4	12.98	12.94	12.62
BANKING	261.75	257.56	251.75	38.1	38.1	37.8	6.87	6.76	6.66

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 10 86				REVISED 09 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,950	21,200	4,750	18.3	26,500	21,625	4,875	18.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,025	8,425	1,600	16.0	10,100	8,625	1,475	14.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,825	6,725	2,100	23.9	8,700	6,800	1,900	21.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,950	14,850	3,100	17.3	18,200	15,175	3,025	16.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,875	12,075	1,800	13.0	14,000	12,275	1,725	12.4
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,975	6,050	925	13.2	7,050	6,125	925	13.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,975	4,125	850	16.9	5,050	4,175	875	17.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	5,225	4,700	525	10.1	5,300	4,775	525	10.0
HARRISONBURG (CATAHOULA)	5,200	4,150	1,050	20.3	5,350	4,300	1,050	19.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,200	850	10.6	8,175	7,325	850	10.5
VIDALIA (CONCORDIA)	10,950	9,050	1,900	17.3	11,150	9,275	1,875	16.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,800	12,750	2,050	13.8	14,900	12,900	2,000	13.5
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,700	4,025	675	14.2	4,875	4,125	750	15.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,900	7,825	1,075	12.0	8,900	7,825	1,075	12.1
VILLE PLATTE (EVANGELINE)	15,125	12,375	2,750	18.2	15,150	12,425	2,725	17.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,275	7,750	1,525	16.5	9,350	7,925	1,425	15.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,425	6,450	975	13.1	7,400	6,475	925	12.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	32,150	25,875	6,275	19.5	32,075	26,000	6,075	19.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,500	10,450	2,050	16.4	12,700	10,600	2,100	16.6
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,225	6,500	725	10.2	7,425	6,750	675	9.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	14,100	11,625	2,475	17.5	14,375	11,875	2,500	17.5
JENA (LASALLE)	7,625	6,550	1,075	14.2	7,700	6,650	1,050	13.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,800	17,650	1,150	6.1	19,000	17,825	1,175	6.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,250	5,350	900	14.3	6,325	5,450	875	13.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,950	11,125	1,825	14.1	13,225	11,425	1,800	13.6
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	18,100	16,100	2,000	11.0	18,225	16,250	1,975	10.8
POINTE A LA HACHE (PLAQUEM.)	10,300	9,075	1,225	11.9	10,475	9,300	1,175	11.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,700	7,125	1,575	18.1	8,675	7,150	1,525	17.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,500	4,025	475	10.8	4,600	4,075	525	11.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,400	8,050	1,350	14.4	9,450	8,200	1,250	13.3
MANY (SABINE)	10,325	8,925	1,400	13.4	10,525	9,075	1,450	13.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,475	2,950	525	15.3	3,650	3,125	525	14.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,475	7,125	1,350	15.9	8,675	7,300	1,375	15.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	38,000	30,525	7,475	19.7	38,450	31,025	7,425	19.3
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	32,400	24,775	7,625	23.6	32,600	25,500	7,100	21.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,725	34,875	5,850	14.4	40,775	35,125	5,650	13.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,750	3,400	350	9.4	3,850	3,500	350	9.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,525	7,475	1,050	12.3	8,650	7,650	1,000	11.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	22,900	18,300	4,600	20.1	23,525	18,850	4,675	19.9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,225	17,550	1,675	8.7	19,250	17,600	1,650	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,300	16,800	2,500	13.0	19,350	16,875	2,475	12.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,350	17,400	2,950	14.5	20,425	17,550	2,875	14.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,425	4,375	1,050	19.3	5,425	4,400	1,025	19.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,375	3,850	525	12.2	4,425	3,850	575	12.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,825	5,150	675	11.6	5,825	5,175	650	11.3

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.9	45.0	45.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	11.1	10.9	- 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	9.0	8.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	1.8	0	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.5	13.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	9.9	10.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	5.1	5.1	5.4	0	- 0.3
Local	5.0	4.8	5.0	+ 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 44,900 during October. This estimate was 100 less than September and 400 less than October of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during October totaled 3,400. This was 100 less than the previous month and 100 less than October of last year. Since last month there was a reduction in employment in lumber and wood products. Since last year there was a loss in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,500 during October. This was unchanged since the previous month and a decrease of 300 since last October. Since September the total was unchanged as we experienced offsetting gains and losses in retail trade and local government. Since last year we have experienced reductions in construction, transportation, and state government, with increases coming in retail trade and services.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase, with the total number of employed changing very little.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.6	213.9	216.5	- 0.3	- 2.9
MANUFACTURING	19.9	20.0	20.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.6	15.7	16.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.2	11.3	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.3	21.4	22.7	- 0.1	- 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.4	10.5	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	50.9	50.5	51.3	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.7	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	40.3	39.9	40.3	+ 0.4	
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.8	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	4.0	4.1	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.2	42.1	41.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	53.9	54.3	55.7	- 0.4	- 1.8
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	51.7	52.1	53.6	- 0.4	- 1.9
State	31.0	31.2	32.6	- 0.2	- 1.6
Local	20.7	20.9	21.0	- 0.2	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
ll MANUFACTURING (1)	$514.74	$530.67	$547.43	42.4	42.9	43.9	$12.14	$12.37	$12.47
Petro-Chemicals	703.89	726.97	704.96	47.4	48.4	47.6	14.85	15.02	14.81

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,600 during October was down 300 from the September revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 100 and nonmanufacturing was down 200 during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing at 19,900 in October, was down 100 from the September revised estimate. Durable goods had no change in the current period. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total manufacturing was down during the current period. Mining had no change. Construction was down due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Transportation and public utilities were down due to students leaving their summe jobs to return to school in electric services, water supply, and in sanitary services. Wholesale and retail trade were up due to seasonal increases in miscellaneous general merchandise stores and more business in grocery stores and in motor vehicle dealers (new and used). Finance, insurance and real estate were down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services were up due to more business in personnel supply services and in legal services. Government was down due to budget reductions in state government and in local government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing was $514.74, down $15.93 from the September revised average. Average weekly hours were down five tenths of an hour and average hourly earnings were down $0.23 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 234,800 during October, up 100 over the revised September estimate and up 1,800 over October of last year. Unemployment at 27,100 during October was up 500 over the September revised estimate. The October unemployment rate at 10.3 percent was up from last month's revised 10.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for October was 12.9 percent and the national rate was 6.6 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 261,900 during the current period.

Baton Rouge LMA's unemployment rate expected to continue it seasonal drop during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,570 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 321 applicants in jobs during October.

The consumer price index for September, 1986 for all urban consumers was 330.2 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 324.9 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	53.0	62.0	+ 0.2	- 8.8
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.1	5.2	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	2.0	0	- 0.4
MINING	6.4	6.3	7.9	+ 0.1	- 1.5
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.0	2.7	0	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.7	7.8	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	5.2	+ 0.1	- 1.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.3	15.3	- 0.1	- 2.1
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.1	3.5	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.1	10.2	11.8	- 0.1	- 1.7
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.5	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	7.9	8.1	9.1	- 0.2	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.4	10.9	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in October pushed up to 53,200, a level 200 above September. The increases were small and scattered. Since October of 1985, total employment lost 8,800 workers, showing a reduction of 14.2 percent. Every industry division except finance, insurance,. and real estate decreased. Although small gains have been shown in the past few months, total nonagricultural employment remains lower than in any month between March 1977 and August 1986.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in October, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods increased 100 with an upturn in business in the transportation equipment segment. Nondurable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,000.

State and local government each showed an increase in employment by educational services as the autumn school term moved further along. Mining displayed a small upturn as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Water transportation edged up. Less favorably, retail trade tapered off, mostly in food stores and eating and drinking places. Services effected layoffs in private health services. Construction held steady. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited no significant change.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in October increased to 14,300, a level 200 above September. The overall downtrend in employment in the past several months was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 18.8 percent of the labor force compared to 18.5 percent in September and 11.3 percent in October of last year. The October rate was much higher than the state rate of 12.9 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,149.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will benefit from shopping for the holiday season. Less favorably, mining and construction will adversely affected by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.1	86.9	99.6	- 1.8	-14.5
MANUFACTURING	[illegible]	6.6	8.1	0	- 1.5
Durable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	6.0	+ 0.1	- 0.8
[illegible] & Allied Products	1.9	1.7	1.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
MINING	13.2	13.7	17.2	- 0.5	- 4.0
CONSTRUCTION	[illegible]	4.5	5.6	- 0.3	- 1.4
TRANSPORTATION, COMM. & UTILITIES	[illegible]	6.4	7.3	+ 0.1	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	[illegible]	23.6	25.9	- 0.4	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	[illegible]	5.5	6.6	0	- 1.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.3	0	- 1.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.3	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	17.7	18.1	19.3	- 0.4	- 1.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	3.5	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	[illegible]	2.8	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Auto. Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	10.1	10.9	- 0.2	- 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.8	3.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
Banking	1.4	1.5	1.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	[illegible]	[illegible]	19.9	- 0.5	[illegible]
GOVERNMENT	[illegible]	12.7	13.7	0	- 1.0
Federal	[illegible]	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	11.8	11.8	12.8	0	- 1.0
State	4.2	4.2	5.3	0	- 1.1
Local	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette was estimated at 85,100, a decrease of 1,800 from the previous month and 14,500 less than October of 1985. The most significant decrease was in the nonmanufacturing segment of the economy.

Nonmanufacturing decreased 1,800 from the previous month and was 13,000 less than the same period of time a year ago.

Mining stood at 13,200 in October, a decrease of 500 from September and 4,000 less than October of 1985. The primary reason for the decrease has been low oil prices resulting in less drilling activities.

The other segments of the of the economy are responsible for the drastic drop in employment. Trade fell 400 from September and was 2,700 less than a year ago at this time. Services fell 500 from the previous month and was 2,100 less than October of 1985.

Other sectors remained relatively stable.

Lafayette's unemployment rate is expected to decline next month due to hiring for Christmas.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Sept. 1986	October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.6	55.4	59.0	+ 0.2	- 3.4
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.5	9.1	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.6	1.7	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.1	3.7	+ 0.6	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.1	14.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.2	11.3	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.9	10.0	11.4	- 0.1	- 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.1	11.2	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.5	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Local	6.6	6.7	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles area for October 1986 was estimated at 55,600, a decrease of 200 from September's level and 3,400 from October a year ago.

Manufacturing showed no change from the previous month and 600 less than October of 1985.

Nonmanufacturing reflected a 200 increase from the previous month but 2,800 less than the comparable period a year ago.

The remainder of the industries reflected minute changes, with the exception of construction, which had a 600 increase from the previous month. This was due to hiring of construction workers at a new facility locating in Lake Charles.

During the next 30 days, trade may begin climbing as area merchants prepare for the Christmas season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.4	56.3	- 0.6	- 1.5
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	[illegible]	5.2	[illegible]	0	+ 0.1
[illegible]	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
[illegible]	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
[illegible]	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 0.2
MINING	[illegible]	1.4	[illegible]	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.1	[illegible]
Retail Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.9	[illegible]	- 1.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.3	0	0
SERVICES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
[illegible] Places	0.8	[illegible]	0.7	[illegible]	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.3	9.3	9.3	0	0
State	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 0.3
Local	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,800 during October, was 600 below the September estimate of 55,400.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during October was 7,800. This was an increase of 100 from September and 400 from October a year ago. The monthly increase was in durable goods.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 47,000 during October, was 700 below the September estimate. Construction was down by 100 as some projects begin to wind down before adverse winter weather arrives. Wholesale and retail trade, down 700, reflects the closing or preparation for the closing of several local establishments. Services was the only nonmanufacturing segment to experience a gain, 200 workers.

During the next 30 days, employment is expected to remain relatively stable, as several retail store closings should be offset to a large degree by hiring in other retail stores in preparation for the holiday season. Unemployment is expected to rise over this same period.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.2	511.1	533.8	+ 0.1	-22.6
MANUFACTURING	42.8	42.9	44.9	- 0.1	- 2.1
Durable Goods	20.8	21.0	22.3	- 0.2	- 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	3.3	0	- 0.9
Machinery	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	11.7	12.0	12.2	- 0.3	- 0.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	7.9	7.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.6	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.5	6.6	+ 0.1	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.4	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.4	16.3	19.0	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.8	15.7	18.5	+ 0.1	- 2.7
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.2	28.2	- 0.2	- 4.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.0	43.1	45.9	- 0.1	- 2.9
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.1	13.0	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	137.6	136.9	142.3	+ 0.7	- 4.7
Wholesale Trade	32.3	32.5	35.4	- 0.2	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.9	21.0	- 0.2	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	14.4	0	- 0.8
Retail Trade	105.3	104.4	106.9	+ 0.9	- 1.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.6	32.9	33.1	- 0.3	- 0.5
Banking	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	130.4	130.2	132.9	+ 0.2	- 2.5
GOVERNMENT	84.4	84.6	87.5	- 0.2	- 3.1
Federal	15.4	15.4	15.4	0	0
State and Local	69.0	69.2	72.1	- 0.2	- 3.1
State	21.2	21.3	22.2	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	47.8	47.9	49.9	- 0.1	- 2.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$414.96	$427.60	$439.30	39.9	40.0	41.6	$10.40	$10.69	$10.56
Durable Goods	360.99	380.44	410.33	37.8	38.9	41.7	9.55	9.78	9.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	324.14	339.15	391.04	31.5	32.3	39.3	10.29	10.50	9.95
Fabricated Metal Products	346.30	351.00	447.92	36.3	37.5	48.9	9.54	9.36	9.16
Ship & boatbuilding and Repairing	388.87	399.35	410.82	39.6	39.5	39.2	9.82	10.11	10.48
Nondurable Goods	465.65	473.47	468.23	41.8	41.1	41.4	11.14	11.52	11.31
Food & Kindred Products	326.83	339.70	320.92	40.3	39.5	37.8	8.11	8.60	8.49
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	137.26	119.43	148.77	25.8	23.1	28.5	5.32	5.17	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	355.01	416.72	379.24	40.9	46.2	44.2	8.68	9.02	8.58
Printing & Publishing	386.75	407.06	403.48	41.1	41.2	44.0	9.41	9.88	9.17
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	679.60	697.70	683.72	46.2	45.1	43.8	14.71	15.47	15.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in October edged up to 511,200, showing a slight overall gain of 100 since September, but a loss of 22,600 since October of last year. Over the month, the largest increases were in retail trade and services. Although nonagricultural employment has shown some gain in the past few months, it still remains below the level of any month between February 1979 and July 1986.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,800 in October, down 100 from the previous month. Durable goods decreased 300 due to a layoff at a local plant in the transportation segment, and machinery went up 100 due to an increase in business. Nondurable goods went up 100 because of a seasonal increase in seafood processing, but all the other segments were unchanged over the month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 1,500 employees.

Retail trade was highlighted by the openings of a large food store and a large general merchandise store. Services were boosted by a seasonal gain in the hotel-motel industry and hires by private health services. Mining eked out a small increase as the oil and gas industry pushed to take advantage of the remaining good weather before winter. Less favorably, wholesale trade lost workers in durable goods. Real estate exhibited a decrease that was partly seasonal in nature. Insurance made downward employment adjustments. Public utilities eased down. Construction sustained its long range downtrend. State and local governments tapered off, hurt by problems involving costs and funding.

Production workers in the area earned an average $414.96 a week in October, down $12.64 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased 6 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings decreased $0.29. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $24.34.

Estimated unemployment in October edged up to 65,000, showing a minor increase of 100 since September. The overall downtrend in employment in the past several months was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.9 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in September and 10.7 percent in October of last year. The difference over the year would have been greater if not for the reduction in the labor force partly resulting from the number of people leaving the area in search of work elsewhere. The October rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 12.9 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,994. About 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximately 35.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit an overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will be favored by shopping for the holiday season and the opening of new stores. Services will benefit from the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Less favorably, construction and mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to show some decrease as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1986*	Sept. 1986**	October 1985**	Net Change From Sept. 1986	Net Change From October 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.8	132.3	143.1	- 1.5	-12.3
MANUFACTURING	18.0	18.2	21.3	- 0.2	- 3.3
Durable Goods	13.3	13.4	16.3	- 0.1	- 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.8	10.2	- 0.1	- 2.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.9	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	5.9	8.0	0	- 2.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	5.3	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Good	4.7	4.8	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
MINING	2.7	3.0	5.0	- 0.3	- 2.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.3	8.0	8.5	- 0.7	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.7	7.7	8.6	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.4	30.7	33.7	- 0.3	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade	8.3	8.1	8.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Retail Trade	22.1	22.6	25.0	- 0.5	- 2.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	8.1	8.1	7.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	30.3	30.1	31.8	+ 0.2	- 1.5
GOVERNMENT	26.3	26.5	26.3	- 0.2	0
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	21.8	22.0	21.9	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	8.2	8.4	7.3	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Local	13.6	13.6	14.6	0	- 1.0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**	October '86*	Sept. '86**	October '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$425.18	$446.49	$415.13	38.9	41.0	39.2	$10.93	$10.89	$10.59
Lumber and Wood Products	205.43	212.77	263.11	32.3	35.7	42.3	6.36	5.96	6.22
Metals and Machinery	444.44	447.91	410.01	40.7	41.9	39.5	10.92	10.69	10.38
Food and Kindred Products	307.29	298.80	300.85	40.7	40.0	40.6	7.55	7.47	7.41
Printing and Publishing	304.55	281.51	284.20	31.3	30.8	34.2	9.73	9.14	8.31
Petroleum and Coal Products	526.80	538.65	535.86	43.9	43.9	45.8	12.00	12.27	11.70

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport LMA dropped to 130,800, down 1,500 from the revised September estimate of 132,300, and 12,300 less than one year ago. During the past month, manufacturing employment showed a decline of 200, while total nonmanufacturing employment declined 1,300.

Manufacturing employment, at 18,000, is down from 18,200 in September. The reduction is divided between durable and nondurable goods employment. The downturn in primary and fabricated metals production caused a slight decline from 1,900 to 1,800 while printing and publishing employment moved down from 1,400 to 1,300.

In total nonmanufacturing employment, there was a job loss of 1,300, from 114,100 in September to 112,800 in October. Employment dropped in all segments of nonmanufacturing except services employment, and it increased from 30,100 to 30,300. Mining employment continues to show the deterioration of oil and gas exploration and production activities with a 300 decline. Construction employment fell from 8,000 to 7,300, with heavy construction and special trade contractors sharing in this downturn. During the past month total trade declined from 30,700 to 30,400, and government employment moved down from 26,500 to 26,300.

The Shreveport LMA has 13,000 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers have average weekly earnings of $425.18, down from $446.49 the previous month and up from $415.13 one year ago. The average weekly earnings dropped to 38.9, down from 41.0 last month and 39.2 in October, 1985. Average hourly earnings increased to $10.93, slightly above $10.89 last month and $10.59 one year ago.

The current civilian labor force for this labor area is 163,900, including 144,800 employed and 19,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the Shreveport area is 11.6 percent, while the unemployment rate for the state is 12.9 percent.

This labor area will continue to have high unemployment. Adverse weather conditions will affect construction, logging and other wood products activities. Possible gains in retail trade are not expected to offset this employment decline. Total employment will likely show a slight decline from the present level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1986				REVISED OCTOBER 1986				REVISED NOVEMBER 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,966.6	1,701.9	264.7	13.6	1,986.2	1,727.4	258.8	13.0	1,987.5	1,763.1	224.4	11.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.4	53.1	6.3	10.6	59.4	53.2	6.2	10.5	58.6	53.0	5.6	9.6
Baton Rouge 2/	268.6	240.7	27.9	10.4	270.5	242.5	28.0	10.4	259.9	232.8	27.1	10.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.8	61.0	14.8	19.5	75.9	61.5	14.4	19.0	79.1	70.2	8.9	11.2
Lafayette 4/	105.8	88.4	16.4	15.5	106.9	90.6	16.4	15.3	110.5	100.4	10.1	9.2
Lake Charles 5/	72.1	61.5	10.6	14.7	71.9	61.8	10.1	14.0	74.0	63.9	10.1	13.7
Monroe 6/	68.5	61.1	7.4	10.8	68.6	61.6	7.0	10.2	68.6	62.0	6.6	9.6
New Orleans 7/	592.5	526.4	66.1	11.1	591.3	525.4	65.9	11.1	605.5	542.1	63.4	10.5
Shreveport 8/	164.3	145.1	21.2	12.9	163.1	143.9	19.2	11.8	167.9	150.3	17.6	10.5

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the State during November was estimated at 1,518,100, a decrease of 1,400 workers from October's level and 88,000 below the comparable period a year ago. Manufacturing employment was lower for the current month as a result of a downturn in nondurable goods. Lower employment in construction contributed to the decrease in nonmanufacturing.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 72,100 for November, was 200 higher than October but 4,800 lower than November 1985. Electrical and electronic equipment payrolls were down for November. Transportation equipment payrolls were up due to more business for the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment, at 95,600, was 300 below last month's figure and 2,200 lower than November of last year. A seasonal decline in the production of fats and oils was a primary factor in the drop of employment in the food and kindred products industry.

Louisiana's nonmanufacturing employment for November, at 1,350,400, was 1,300 lower than last month's figure and 81,000 lower than the year-ago figure. Employment was lower throughout the construction industry for November, except for the painting, paper hanging and decorating segment. Transportation and public utilities experienced a decrease in employment primarily due to less activity at the state's ports. Increased payrolls in retail trade, especially a seasonal increase in general merchandise, apparel and accessories stores, accounted for much of the gain in total trade employment for the current month. Finance, insurance and real estate employment remained steady. Growth in hotels and other lodging places, business services and membership organizations contributed to the increase in the total services industry.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,900 production workers in manufacturing increased from $439.74 in October to $445.20 in November, a gain of $5.46. Average hourly earnings, at $10.50, was three cents above last month's level and $0.10 over November of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.4 during November, an increase of 0.4 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 264,700 in November, an increase of 5,900 from the October revised level of 258,800. The unemployment rate for November was 13.4 percent compared to 13.0 percent for last month and 11.3 percent for November 1985. The comparable national unemployment rate for November was 6.6 percent, compared to 6.6 percent in October and 6.7 percent for November of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,986,700 in October to 1,968,600 in November, a decrease of 18,100. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,727,900 in October to 1,703,900 in November, a drop of 24,000.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should be lower next month. Retail trade employment should continue upward in response to holiday shopping.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change from Oct. 1986	November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,518.1	1,519.5	1,606.1	- 1.4	-88.0
MINING	57.7	57.8	80.0	- 0.1	-22.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	54.3	76.8	- 0.1	-22.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	89.9	91.8	105.4	- 1.9	-15.5
MANUFACTURING	167.7	167.8	174.7	- 0.1	- 7.0
Durable Goods	72.1	71.9	76.9	+ 0.2	- 4.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.0	13.0	12.9	0	+ 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.3	6.3	6.7	0	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	11.9	13.4	0	- 1.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.1	8.0	9.6	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.6	7.8	- 0.4	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	19.8	19.3	19.9	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.3	2.6	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	95.6	95.9	97.8	- 0.3	- 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	23.4	23.8	23.5	- 0.4	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.4	8.4	9.1	0	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	11.3	11.3	11.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.9	25.9	27.6	0	- 1.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.0	12.2	0	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.3	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	101.9	103.1	115.1	- 1.2	-13.2
Railroad Transportation	5.6	5.6	6.0	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	56.5	57.6	67.5	- 1.1	-11.0
Water Transportation	24.5	25.4	30.6	- 0.9	- 6.1
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	39.8	39.9	41.6	- 0.1	- 1.8
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.7	18.6	19.9	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.1	21.3	21.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	378.2	376.9	394.3	+ 1.3	-16.1
Wholesale Trade	82.9	83.6	92.4	- 0.7	- 9.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.1	45.9	52.7	- 0.8	- 7.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.8	37.7	39.7	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Retail Trade	295.3	293.3	301.9	+ 2.0	- 6.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	61.8	60.2	63.5	+ 1.6	- 1.7
Food Stores	60.0	59.4	58.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.1	31.4	32.5	- 0.3	- 1.4
Eating & Drinking Places	89.3	89.6	91.2	- 0.3	- 1.9
Other Retail Trade	53.1	52.7	56.7	+ 0.4	- 3.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change from Oct. 1986	Net Change from November 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.9	83.9	85.9	0	- 2.0
Banking	26.9	27.0	27.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	317.9	317.4	322.1	+ 0.5	- 4.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.2	24.8	+ 0.4	- 2.2
Personal Services	15.7	16.0	14.9	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Business Services	52.0	51.6	58.8	+ 0.4	- 6.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	7.6	0	- 0.9
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.9	9.4	9.0	- 0.5	- 0.1
Health Services	93.1	93.3	91.3	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Legal Services	13.8	13.8	13.6	0	+ 0.2
Educational Services	27.3	27.4	25.6	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Social Services	18.3	18.4	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Membership Organizations	26.4	25.5	24.8	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.7	17.0	- 0.2	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	320.9	320.8	328.6	+ 0.1	- 7.7
Federal	35.0	34.9	35.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State and Local	285.9	285.9	293.1	0	- 7.2
State	105.2	105.3	108.0	- 0.1	- 2.8
Local	180.7	180.6	185.1	+ 0.1	- 4.4

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$445.20	$439.74	$442.00	42.4	42.0	42.5	$10.50	$10.47	$10.40
Durable Goods	381.90	380.15	398.65	40.2	40.1	41.7	9.50	9.48	9.56
Lumber & Wood Products	317.16	313.10	310.82	40.3	40.4	39.9	7.87	7.75	7.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	357.38	376.11	398.40	40.2	39.8	41.2	8.89	9.45	9.67
Fabricated Metal Products	360.26	354.77	414.40	40.8	41.3	44.8	8.83	8.59	9.25
Machinery, ex. Electrical	384.72	355.47	393.87	38.9	37.3	41.2	9.89	9.53	9.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	489.24	528.15	475.15	40.5	42.8	42.5	12.08	12.34	11.18
Transportation Equipment	425.89	415.76	448.39	40.6	39.9	40.8	10.49	10.42	10.99
Nondurable Goods	498.13	490.06	480.20	44.2	43.6	43.3	11.27	11.24	11.09
Food & Kindred Products	334.95	350.67	311.10	44.6	44.9	42.5	7.51	7.81	7.32
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	219.42	204.67	195.45	41.4	38.4	37.7	5.30	5.33	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	618.20	590.34	596.75	44.0	43.6	44.7	14.05	13.54	13.35
Printing & Publishing	430.01	391.43	394.54	37.7	38.3	40.3	10.69	10.22	9.79
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	690.46	667.37	643.26	46.0	44.7	43.7	15.01	14.93	14.72
Petroleum & Coal Products	711.50	693.58	737.55	48.9	47.8	49.5	14.55	14.51	14.90
Petroleum Refining	726.12	710.04	761.54	49.7	48.5	50.4	14.61	14.64	15.11
MINING	535.22	530.61	519.65	46.5	46.1	46.9	11.51	11.51	11.08
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	523.98	526.32	530.02	41.0	40.3	42.3	12.78	13.06	12.53
BANKING	264.13	266.70	250.13	38.9	38.1	37.5	6.79	7.00	6.67

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,900 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 87,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 86				REVISED 10 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	25,200	20,425	4,775	18.9	25,725	20,975	4,750	18.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,800	8,100	1,700	17.4	9,950	8,350	1,600	16.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,375	6,325	2,050	24.6	8,750	6,625	2,125	24.2
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	17,225	14,125	3,100	18.0	17,825	14,725	3,100	17.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,725	11,900	1,825	13.2	13,800	11,975	1,825	13.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,850	5,900	950	13.7	6,900	5,975	925	13.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,800	3,925	875	18.2	4,950	4,100	850	17.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,825	4,250	575	11.8	5,225	4,700	525	10.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	5,025	3,850	1,175	23.6	5,150	4,100	1,050	20.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,100	950	11.8	7,975	7,100	875	10.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,550	8,550	2,000	18.9	10,850	8,950	1,900	17.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,350	12,050	2,300	16.0	14,625	12,575	2,050	14.0
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,500	3,700	800	17.9	4,650	3,975	675	14.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,625	7,575	1,050	12.2	8,825	7,750	1,075	12.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,625	11,875	2,750	18.8	14,975	12,225	2,750	18.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,750	7,025	1,725	19.7	9,200	7,675	1,525	16.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,250	6,200	1,050	14.4	7,375	6,400	975	13.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	31,350	25,175	6,175	19.7	31,875	25,575	6,300	19.7
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,225	10,175	2,050	16.7	12,425	10,350	2,075	16.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,525	750	10.2	7,175	6,450	725	10.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,475	11,025	2,450	18.2	13,975	11,500	2,475	17.7
JENA (LASALLE)	7,200	6,100	1,100	15.3	7,575	6,475	1,100	14.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,325	17,150	1,175	6.4	18,575	17,450	1,125	6.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,000	5,025	975	16.2	6,200	5,300	900	14.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,600	10,600	2,000	15.9	12,825	11,000	1,825	14.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,825	15,700	2,125	11.9	17,900	15,900	2,000	11.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,175	8,800	1,375	13.5	10,225	8,975	1,250	12.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,200	6,600	1,600	19.4	8,625	7,050	1,575	18.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,350	3,850	500	11.3	4,450	3,975	475	10.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,825	7,375	1,450	16.5	9,300	7,950	1,350	14.5
MANY (SABINE)	10,150	8,725	1,425	14.1	10,275	8,875	1,400	13.6
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,350	2,825	525	15.7	3,450	2,925	525	15.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,300	6,975	1,325	15.9	8,400	7,050	1,350	16.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	37,175	29,600	7,575	20.4	37,675	30,175	7,500	19.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	31,600	24,100	7,500	23.7	32,150	24,500	7,650	23.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,950	34,025	5,925	14.8	40,350	34,475	5,875	14.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,575	3,075	500	14.2	3,725	3,375	350	9.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,300	1,150	13.6	8,450	7,400	1,050	12.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	22,225	17,475	4,750	21.3	22,725	18,100	4,625	20.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,075	17,225	1,850	9.6	19,100	17,375	1,725	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	19,050	16,525	2,525	13.3	19,275	16,750	2,525	13.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,125	16,975	3,150	15.6	20,225	17,250	2,975	14.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,175	3,950	1,225	23.8	5,350	4,300	1,050	19.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,825	500	11.5	4,375	3,825	550	12.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,725	5,025	700	12.4	5,800	5,100	700	12.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.4	44.9	45.7	+ 0.5	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.7	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.2	10.9	11.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.1	8.8	8.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.0	2.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.3	10.2	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.7	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State	5.1	5.1	5.5	0	- 0.4
Local	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,400 during November. This estimate was 500 more than October and 300 less than November of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during November totaled 3,500. This was 100 more than the previous month and unchanged from November of last year. Since last month the increase was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,900 during November. This was an increase of 400 and the gains were in retail trade, services, and local government. Since November of last year employment in nonmanufacturing has declined by 300. The losses were in construction and state government, with some gains being made in retail trade and services.

During the next thirty days employment in retail trade should increase due to extra hires for the holiday season and the total number of unemployed should increase due to seasonal reductions.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	214.0	213.8	216.7	+ 0.2	- 2.7
MANUFACTURING	20.0	19.9	20.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.6	16.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.2	11.2	11.7	0	- 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.8	21.4	22.3	+ 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.6	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.0	50.7	51.7	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.8	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	40.4	40.1	40.7	+ 0.3	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	14.0	0	- 0.5
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.8	42.3	41.2	- 0.5	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	54.1	54.1	55.5	0	- 1.4
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	51.9	51.9	53.4	0	- 1.5
State	31.2	31.2	32.6	0	- 1.4
Local	20.7	20.7	20.8	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$515.70	$520.71	$547.31	43.3	42.3	45.8	$11.91	$12.31	$11.95
Petro-Chemicals	744.39	709.96	708.63	48.4	46.8	47.4	15.38	15.17	14.95

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 214,000 during November was up 200 from the October revised estimate. Manufacturing was up 100 and nonmanufacturing was up 100.

Employment in manufacturing, at 20,000 in November, was up 100 during the current period. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods were up due to seasonal increases in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, and in painting, paper hanging, and decorating. Transportation and public utilities were down due to seasonal decline in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores; in furniture, home furnishings, and equipment stores, except appliance; in eating and drinking places; and in drug stores and proprietary stores. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change. Services were down due to less business in personnel supply services, in hospitals, in legal services and seasonal drops in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. Government showed no change.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $515.70, down $5.01 from the revised October average. Average weekly hours were up 1.0 hours and average hourly earnings were down $0.40. More overtime worked by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 232,500 during November. Unemployment, at 27,900 during November, was down 100 from October's revised estimate. The November unemployment rate at 10.7 percent was up from last month's revised 10.4 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for November was 13.4 percent and the national rate was 6.6 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,400 during the current period.

Baton Rouge LMA's unemployment rate is expected to show little change during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,904 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 160 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1986 for all urban consumers was 330.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 325.0 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.9	53.6	62.3	- 0.7	- 9.4
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.5	5.1	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
MINING	6.4	6.4	7.9	0	- 1.5
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	2.0	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.8	7.7	0	- 1.9
Water Transportation	4.0	4.0	5.1	0	- 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.0	13.3	15.7	- 0.3	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.1	3.7	- 0.2	- 0.8
Retail Trade	10.1	10.2	12.0	- 0.1	- 1.9
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.1	3.7	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	7.7	8.0	9.1	- 0.3	- 1.4
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.0	11.4	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
State	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November moved down to 52,900, a level 700 below October. Unfavorable changes in construction, trade, and services brought the decrease. Since November of 1985, total employment lost 9,400 workers, showing a reduction of 15.1 percent.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, no change over the previous month. Durable goods and nondurable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 600.

Wholesale trade sustained the overall downtrend of recent months. Retail trade tapered off, reflecting a decrease in employment by food stores. Construction showed a downturn largely in heavy construction. Services exhibited small decreases in several industries. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Government showed no significant change. Mining remained on a lowered level. Transportation displayed no sizable change in any industry.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA - CONTINUED
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in November pushed up to 14,600, showing a minor increase of 200 since October. The continuing downtrend in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 19.3 percent of the labor force compared to 19.0 percent in October and 11.2 percent in November of last year. The November rate was higher than the state rate of 13.4 percent and very much higher than the national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 3,915.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show normal seasonal changes. In retail trade, shopping for the holiday season is predicted to peak in December and then adjust downward in January. Seasonal gains will be slowed by the problems of a very troubled local economy. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show little change.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.9	86.6	99.5	- 0.7	-13.6
MANUFACTURING	4.8	4.7	6.2	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	2.2	0	- 0.8
Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.3	4.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.7	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	12.7	13.2	17.1	- 0.5	- 4.4
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.3	5.4	- 0.3	- 1.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.4	7.3	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.3	23.2	26.0	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	6.6	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.3	3.3	4.3	0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	17.8	19.4	0	- 1.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.6	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Retail Trade	10.0	10.0	10.9	0	- 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.4	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.2	17.5	19.8	- 0.3	- 2.6
GOVERNMENT	14.0	13.9	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	13.1	13.0	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Local	7.7	7.6	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette was estimated at 85,900, a decrease of 700 from the previous month and 13,600 lower than November a year ago.

The bulk of the decrease was noted in the nonmanufacturing segment of the economy, which showed a decrease of 800 from October of 1986, and was 12,200 lower than November of 1985.

Mining was estimated at 12,700, down 500 from the previous month and 4,400 less than the same period a year ago.

Construction was 300 less than October of this year and 1,400 less than November of 1985.

The remaining segments showed little or no change from previous levels.

The unemployment rate in Lafayette will remain about the same for the next month but will probably increase after the first of the year due to inclement weather and the end of the holiday season.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.5	55.8	58.3	- 0.3	- 2.8
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.6	9.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.8	8.2	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.4	1.6	2.1	- 0.2	- 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.8	3.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.1	14.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.4	11.2	11.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.8	9.9	10.9	- 0.1	- 1.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.1	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.4	10.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.0	3.8	3.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lake Charles stood at 55,500, a decrease of 300 from the previous month and 2,800 less than November 1985.

Very little fluctuations were shown in manufacturing or nonmanufacturing from the previous month. Large decreases were noted in nonagricultural employment, nonmanufacturing, mining and manufacturing from November 1985.

The outlook is for a small increase in trade employment during the Christmas shopping season. Unemployment should remain the same for the next month but should increase after the first of the year due to inclement weather and layoffs in retail trade.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985***	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	[illegible]
Durable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lumber & Wood Products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
Other Durable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nondurable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Food & Kindred Products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
Chemical & Allied Products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other Nondurable Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
MINING	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
CONSTRUCTION	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wholesale Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
Retail Trade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
Eating & Drinking Places	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
Banking	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
SERVICES	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Personal Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
Health Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
GOVERNMENT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
Federal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
State and Local	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	[illegible]
State	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Local	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at [illegible], was down [illegible] from the October estimate of [illegible]. The entire loss was in nonmanufacturing employment.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,800, was unchanged over the month.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at [illegible], was down by [illegible] workers. Gains were noted in transportation and public utilities and wholesale and retail trade. Services was down by [illegible]. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment should remain stable or increase slightly as the holiday season is in full swing. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	October 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From October 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.6	511.3	533.1	+ 0.3	-21.5
MANUFACTURING	43.2	42.8	44.6	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Durable Goods	20.9	20.5	22.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	3.2	0	- 0.7
Machinery	2.6	2.5	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	11.9	11.6	12.1	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.0	7.8	7.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.3	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.2	16.4	19.0	- 0.2	- 2.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.7	15.8	18.5	- 0.1	- 2.8
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	24.3	27.7	- 1.0	- 4.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.0	42.3	45.6	- 0.3	- 3.6
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.9	12.3	13.5	- 0.4	- 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	138.8	137.9	144.2	+ 0.9	- 5.4
Wholesale Trade	32.0	32.3	35.2	- 0.3	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.7	21.0	- 0.3	- 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	14.2	0	- 0.6
Retail Trade	106.8	105.6	109.0	+ 1.2	- 2.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.9	32.9	33.3	0	- 0.4
Banking	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	130.5	130.1	133.4	+ 0.4	- 2.9
GOVERNMENT	84.7	84.6	85.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Federal	15.5	15.5	15.8	0	- 0.3
State and Local	69.2	69.1	69.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	21.5	21.3	22.1	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Local	47.7	47.8	47.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All Manufacturing	$421.44	$416.47	$422.42	40.0	40.2	41.7	$10.50	$10.36	$10.13
Durable Goods	378.10	366.14	403.76	39.1	38.5	41.2	9.67	9.51	9.80
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	352.23	351.92	395.30	36.2	34.2	37.9	9.73	10.29	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	358.56	336.54	414.75	36.0	36.7	47.4	9.96	9.17	8.75
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	382.05	373.43	380.00	40.6	39.6	38.0	9.41	9.43	10.00
Nondurable Goods	481.37	461.62	473.48	42.3	41.7	40.4	11.38	11.07	11.72
Food & Kindred Products	333.26	325.60	334.17	40.2	40.7	39.5	8.29	8.00	8.46
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	158.40	137.67	155.34	30.0	25.4	29.2	5.28	5.42	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	387.86	356.75	422.15	43.0	41.1	47.7	9.02	8.68	8.85
Printing & Publishing	407.94	393.05	418.36	39.0	40.9	44.6	10.46	9.61	9.38
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	714.00	652.68	652.83	47.6	44.1	42.2	15.00	14.80	15.47

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and include overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 511,600, up 300 from October. Gains largely in retail trade, services, and manufacturing barely offset decreases in other industry divisions. Over the year, nonagricultural employment showed a total loss of 21,500 spread through every industry division. Nonagricultural employment remains at the lowest level since February 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,200 in November, up 400 from the previous month. Durable goods increased 400 due to an increase of 300 in the transportation segment because of an upturn in business at a local shipyard. In addition, machinery went up 100 due to increased hiring at a machine shop. Nondurable goods were unchanged over the month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing was down 1,400 employees.

Retail trade benefited from a seasonal upturn augmented by the opening of a large new store. Wholesale trade showed a downturn in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. Services pushed up, mainly in business services and the hotel-motel industry. State government exhibited a small gain mostly seasonal in nature. Less favorably, construction lost 1,000 workers, with every major sector hurt by a sizable employment reduction. Employment in mining continued to shrink. Water transportation sustained the downtrend of recent months. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $431.66 a week in November, up $16.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours increased 36 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings increased $0.22. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $7.44.

Estimated unemployment in November pushed up to 66,100, showing a small increase of 200 since October. The persisting problems of employment were mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.1 percent of the labor force compared to 11.1 percent in October and 10.5 percent in November of last year. The November rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 13.4 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,203. Approximately 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 34.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. In retail trade, shopping for the holiday season will reach its peak in December and then adjust downward in January. Services will benefit from the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Less favorably, construction and mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show little overall change.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	November 1986*	Oct. 1986**	November 1985**	Net Change From Oct. 1986	Net Change From November 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.9	131.1	139.4	- 0.2	- 8.5
MANUFACTURING	17.7	18.1	19.9	- 0.4	- 2.2
Durable Goods	12.9	13.4	15.0	- 0.5	- 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.7	8.9	- 0.3	- 1.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.6	5.9	6.8	- 0.3	- 1.2
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.9	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
MINING	2.8	2.7	4.7	+ 0.1	- 1.9
CONSTRUCTION	7.4	7.2	8.2	+ 0.2	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.7	7.7	8.4	0	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.7	30.7	33.6	0	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.2	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	22.6	22.5	24.9	+ 0.1	- 2.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	30.2	30.4	30.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	26.6	26.4	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	22.1	22.0	22.1	+ 0.1	0
State	8.3	8.3	7.3	0	+ 1.0
Local	13.8	13.7	14.8	+ 0.1	- 1.0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**	November '86*	Oct. '86**	November '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$478.50	$426.19	$407.42	41.5	39.1	39.1	$11.53	$10.90	$10.42
Lumber and Wood Products	179.04	205.43	276.64	30.5	32.3	41.6	5.87	6.36	6.65
Metals and Machinery	543.37	445.26	421.43	45.7	40.7	40.6	11.89	10.94	10.38
Food and Kindred Products	302.71	307.29	310.31	40.2	40.7	41.1	7.53	7.55	7.55
Printing and Publishing	295.36	304.55	269.35-	32.0	31.3	31.8	9.23	9.73	8.47
Petroleum and Coal Products	546.54	526.80	483.39	42.4	43.9	41.0	12.89	12.00	11.79

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total, estimated at 130,900, is down from the revised October estimate of 131,100 and is 8,500 less than the November 1985 estimate. The slight employment gains in total nonmanufacturing employment failed to offset the decline in total manufacturing employment.

The preliminary estimate for total manufacturing is 17,700, down from 18,100 in October and is 2,200 less than November 1985. This decline occurred in the production of durable goods due to the continuing drop in demand for metals and machinery.

Total nonmanufacturing employment shows a slight increase from the previous month, up from 113,000 in October to 113,200 in November. The small gains that occurred in mining, construction and government were partially offset by employment losses in finance, insurance and real estate and services.

The Shreveport LMA has 12,800 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $478.50. The average weekly hours increased to 41.5, up from 39.1 in October. The average hourly earnings increased to $11.53, up from $10.98 last month and $10.42 in November 1985.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport LMA is 164,700, including 143,500 employed and 21,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area is 12.9 percent, compared to 13.4 percent for the state.

Nonagricultural employment is not expected to show any improvement during the winter months. Services employment will show a decline caused by the ending of the racing season. This job loss will more than offset possible employment gains in retail trade. Total unemployment is expected to move up from the present level, causing the unemployment rate to move up to the 13.0 percent range in this LMA.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	6,971	6,080	891	119	103	16	73	56	17
Contractural Construction (15-17)	17,526	12,668	4,858	474	358	116	2,787	2,111	676
Manufacturing (20-29)	8,646	5,044	3,602	185	99	86	448	254	194
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	4,306	2,812	1,494	71	49	22	365	212	153
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,323	1,632	691	82	61	21	197	128	69
Retail Trade (52-59)	9,377	5,952	3,425	232	159	73	1,025	564	461
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,810	1,364	446	46	36	10	292	219	73
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	14,169	8,404	5,765	326	182	144	1,436	836	600
Public Administration (91-97)	2,103	972	1,131	50	31	19	220	93	127
All Others	529	289	240	7	3	4	113	54	59
Totals	67,760	45,217	22,543	1,592	1,081	511	6,956	4,527	2,429
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	8,217	6,733	1,484	173	144	29	941	732	209
Clerical and Sales	13,433	9,985	3,448	323	238	85	1,552	1,058	494
Services Occupations	6,326	2,189	4,137	187	69	118	611	179	432
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	983	391	592	26	14	12	32	23	9
Processing Occupations	1,227	614	613	28	13	15	89	55	34
Machine Trades	3,785	2,858	927	95	71	24	332	263	69
Benchwork Occupations	2,328	1,316	1,012	42	22	20	89	64	25
Structural Work Occupations	18,227	12,744	5,483	484	368	116	2,518	1,752	766
Miscellaneous Occupations	13,234	8,387	4,847	234	142	92	792	401	391
Totals	67,760	45,217	22,543	1,592	1,081	511	6,956	4,527	2,429

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	750	659	91	1,235	1,064	171	197	173	24
Contractural Construction (15-17)	712	604	108	605	432	173	1,053	903	150
Manufacturing (20-29)	827	671	156	361	248	113	192	107	85
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	460	407	53	239	190	49	204	107	97
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	177	155	22	271	209	62	87	70	17
Retail Trade (52-59)	436	344	92	743	515	228	350	266	84
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	60	57	3	139	102	37	37	26	11
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	513	407	106	926	670	256	465	288	177
Public Administration (91-97)	60	42	18	54	32	22	60	34	26
All Others	16	13	3	23	20	3	4	4	0
Totals	4,011	3,359	652	4,596	3,482	1,114	2.649	1,978	671
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	523	482	41	770	707	63	258	226	32
Clerical and Sales	641	558	83	1,292	1,091	201	465	374	91
Services Occupations	231	145	86	433	185	248	202	77	125
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	26	11	15	56	37	19	51	9	42
Processing Occupations	101	63	38	72	34	38	65	30	35
Machine Trades	290	262	28	293	237	56	95	87	8
Benchwork Occupations	38	32	6	77	53	24	21	17	4
Structural Work Occupations	1,306	1,091	215	726	523	203	929	800	129
Miscellaneous Occupations	855	715	140	877	615	262	563	358	205
Totals	4,011	3,359	652	4,596	3,482	1,114	2,649	1,978	671

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1986

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	80	76	4	699	526	173	364	332	32
Contractural Construction (15-17)	481	400	81	3,833	2,524	1,309	1,082	693	389
Manufacturing (20-29)	160	99	61	1,674	889	785	1,274	678	596
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	60	32	28	1,665	834	831	143	99	44
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	24	11	13	613	366	247	245	171	74
Retail Trade (52-59)	560	362	198	2,414	1,301	1,113	846	479	367
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	49	37	12	656	452	204	184	144	40
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	322	190	132	5,091	2,772	2,319	1,053	535	518
Public Administration (91-97)	52	23	29	757	263	494	125	50	75
All Others	8	3	5	173	79	94	31	16	15
Totals	1,796	1,233	563	17,575	10,006	7,569	5,347	3,197	2,150
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	236	194	42	2,705	2,020	685	561	457	104
Clerical and Sales	513	386	127	3,937	2,490	1,447	1,093	824	269
Services Occupations	152	41	111	2,274	621	1,653	544	130	414
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	10	4	6	118	43	75	52	14	38
Processing Occupations	14	11	3	243	107	136	97	31	66
Machine Trades	133	98	35	946	658	288	306	184	122
Benchwork Occupations	41	25	16	319	135	184	765	390	375
Structural Work Occupations	360	280	80	3,709	2,242	1,467	1,117	738	379
Miscellaneous Occupations	337	194	143	3,324	1,690	1,634	812	429	383
Totals	1,796	1,233	563	17,575	10,006	7,569	5,347	3,197	2,150

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED DECEMBER 1985 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,958.4	1,690.4	268.0	13.7	1,975.4	1,706.1	269.3	13.6	1,963.0	1,740.2	222.8	11.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.9	53.3	6.6	11.0	60.0	53.4	6.6	11.0	58.1	52.4	5.7	9.7
Baton Rouge 2/	260.8	232.1	28.7	11.0	262.7	234.3	28.4	10.8	256.8	229.6	27.2	10.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.3	60.9	14.4	19.1	76.4	61.6	14.8	19.4	78.4	69.9	8.5	10.8
Lafayette 4/	105.1	88.7	16.4	15.6	107.0	90.3	16.7	15.6	109.4	99.7	9.7	8.9
Lake Charles 5/	71.9	61.1	10.8	15.0	72.6	61.8	10.8	14.8	73.4	63.9	9.5	12.9
Monroe 6/	70.0	62.3	7.7	11.0	69.9	62.3	7.6	10.8	68.4	61.7	6.7	9.8
New Orleans 7/	590.8	524.8	66.0	11.2	587.6	520.4	67.2	11.4	597.6	536.7	60.9	10.2
Shreveport 8/	164.5	142.7	21.8	13.2	166.5	144.9	21.6	13.0	167.8	148.4	19.4	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for Louisiana during December totaled 1,512,200, a decrease of 6,200 workers from November's revised level and 88,200 below the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's manufacturing industries showed lower employment as the result of a downturn in both durable and nondurable goods. The state's nonmanufacturing employment decrease was centered in construction and services.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 71,100, was 900 lower than in November. Decreased activity at logging camps, sawmills and planing mills resulted in lower employment for the lumber and wood products industry. Less demand for fabricated structural metal products contributed to the decrease in fabricated metal products employment. Less business for firms that manufacture farm and garden machinery and equipment was responsible for lower payrolls in the machinery, except electrical, industry.

Total nondurable goods employment for December was 95,200, a decrease of 400 from November's revised figure and 1,700 lower than December a year ago. The main force in this month's decrease in nondurable goods employment was a seasonal downturn in the food and kindred products industry due to decreased activity in the canned fruits and vegetables segment. Apparel and other textile products was higher for the current month largely due to increased production of men's and boys' furnishings.

Nonmanufacturing employment for Louisiana was estimated at 1,345,900 for December, a decrease of 4,900 from last month's revised level and 81,000 lower than the comparable figure a year ago. Mining employment was down as a result of a slowdown in exploration for oil and gas. A decrease in heavy construction activity was most significant in the drop in total construction payrolls. Fewer communications and public utilities payrolls were responsible for the lower employment in that segment for December. Trade employment rose as a result of increased hiring at general merchandise, apparel and accessories stores for the holiday season. Banking and real estate losses contributed to the decline in finance, insurance and real estate employment for December. Hotels and other lodging places, business services, and amusement and recreation services contributed to the downturn in total services employment. Estimated government employment in December was down due to decreases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 120,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $443.30 in November to $452.40 in December, a gain of $9.10. Average hourly earnings, at $10.57, was nine cents above last month's level and seven cents higher than December 1985. Weekly hours averaged 42.8 during December, an increase of 0.5 hours above the November revised figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 268,000 in December, a decrease of 1,300 from the November revised level of 269,300. The unemployment rate for December was 13.7 percent compared to 13.6 percent for last month and 11.3 percent for December 1985. The comparable national unemployment rate for December was 6.3 percent compared to 6.6 percent for November and 6.7 percent for December 1985. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,975,400 in November to 1,958,400 in December, a decrease of 17,000. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,706,100 in November to 1,690,400 in December, a drop of 15,700.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to increase over the next month. Retail trade will probably adjust downward due to the end of the holiday season. Construction may suffer from the effects of the winter weather.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change from Nov. 1986	Net Change from December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,512.2	1,518.4	1,600.4	- 6.2	-88.2
MINING	56.9	57.6	80.5	- 0.7	-23.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.6	54.1	77.3	- 0.5	-23.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.3	3.5	3.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	87.2	89.6	100.3	- 2.4	-13.1
MANUFACTURING	166.3	167.6	173.5	- 1.3	- 7.2
Durable Goods	71.1	72.0	76.6	- 0.9	- 5.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.6	13.0	12.8	- 0.4	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.3	6.3	6.8	0	- 0.5
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	11.5	11.8	13.4	- 0.3	- 1.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	7.8	8.1	9.8	- 0.3	- 2.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.3	7.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	19.7	19.7	19.7	0	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.3	2.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	95.2	95.6	96.9	- 0.4	- 1.7
Food & Kindred Products	22.6	23.4	22.8	- 0.8	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.6	8.4	9.0	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	11.4	11.3	11.4	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	10.1	10.1	10.3	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.0	26.0	27.3	0	- 1.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	- 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.6	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.4	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	103.1	103.2	114.5	- 0.1	-11.4
Railroad Transportation	5.5	5.5	6.0	0	- 0.5
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.1	57.9	67.1	+ 0.2	- 9.0
Water Transportation	25.7	25.8	30.7	- 0.1	- 5.0
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	39.5	39.8	41.4	- 0.3	- 1.9
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.7	19.8	- 0.2	- 1.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.0	21.1	21.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	379.6	378.1	397.3	+ 1.5	-17.7
Wholesale Trade	82.4	83.1	91.9	- 0.7	- 9.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	44.7	45.2	52.5	- 0.5	- 7.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.9	39.4	- 0.2	- 1.7
Retail Trade	297.2	295.0	305.4	+ 2.2	- 8.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	65.3	62.0	66.3	+ 3.3	- 1.0
Food Stores	60.7	60.0	58.5	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.6	31.3	32.4	- 0.7	- 1.8
Eating & Drinking Places	87.8	89.0	90.3	- 1.2	- 2.5
Other Retail Trade	52.8	52.7	57.9	+ 0.1	- 5.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change from Nov. 1986	Net Change from December 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.6	84.0	85.9	- 0.4	- 2.3
Banking	26.9	27.0	27.7	- 0.1	- 0.8
SERVICES	314.7	317.0	320.9	- 2.3	- 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.6	24.1	- 0.6	- 2.1
Personal Services	15.6	15.8	14.9	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Business Services	51.5	52.0	58.2	- 0.5	- 6.7
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.3	10.5	10.7	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.7	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.5	9.0	9.4	- 0.5	- 0.9
Health Services	93.1	93.1	91.0	0	+ 2.1
Legal Services	13.6	13.8	13.5	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Educational Services	27.4	27.5	25.6	- 0.1	+ 1.8
Social Services	18.2	18.2	17.9	0	+ 0.3
Membership Organizations	24.8	25.0	24.8	- 0.2	0
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.5	17.2	0	- 0.7
GOVERNMENT	320.8	321.3	327.5	- 0.5	- 6.7
Federal	35.3	35.2	35.7	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State and Local	285.5	286.1	291.8	- 0.6	- 6.3
State	105.0	105.3	106.4	- 0.3	- 1.4
Local	180.5	180.8	185.4	- 0.3	- 4.9

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$452.40	$443.30	$448.35	42.8	42.3	42.7	$10.57	$10.48	$10.50
Durable Goods	390.04	383.40	401.15	41.1	40.4	41.7	9.49	9.49	9.62
Lumber & Wood Products	323.57	317.16	307.33	40.7	40.3	39.2	7.95	7.87	7.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	323.44	354.56	370.95	35.7	40.2	38.6	9.06	8.82	9.61
Fabricated Metal Products	394.28	364.00	439.42	45.9	41.6	47.3	8.59	8.75	9.29
Machinery, ex. Electrical	447.12	384.33	395.79	43.2	38.9	41.1	10.35	9.88	9.63
Electric & Electronic Equip.	448.06	389.24	468.63	38.1	40.5	41.0	11.76	12.08	11.43
Transportation Equipment	439.10	426.30	461.32	41.7	40.6	41.9	10.53	10.50	11.01
Nondurable Goods	505.46	495.00	490.75	44.3	44.0	43.7	11.41	11.25	11.23
Food & Kindred Products	337.93	328.26	327.38	44.7	44.3	44.3	7.56	7.41	7.39
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	226.56	219.60	200.54	41.8	41.2	37.0	5.42	5.33	5.42
Paper & Allied Products	625.05	614.51	598.91	45.0	43.8	44.2	13.89	14.03	13.55
Printing & Publishing	386.90	390.37	405.08	37.6	37.9	41.0	10.29	10.30	9.88
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	691.91	684.03	651.53	44.9	45.3	42.5	15.41	15.10	15.33
Petroleum & Coal Products	728.65	714.42	741.49	49.4	49.0	51.6	14.75	14.58	14.37
Petroleum Refining	740.45	728.08	763.35	50.2	49.8	52.5	14.75	14.62	14.54
MINING	555.73	476.35	552.48	46.7	41.1	48.0	11.90	11.59	11.51
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	527.77	529.88	538.20	41.2	41.3	41.4	12.81	12.83	13.00
BANKING	264.13	263.16	258.33	38.9	38.7	39.5	6.79	6.80	6.54

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 120,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 87,000 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 12 86				REVISED 11 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	24,225	19,825	4,400	18.2	25,350	20,525	4,825	19.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,600	8,000	1,600	16.7	9,825	8,100	1,725	17.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,150	6,125	2,025	24.8	8,450	6,375	2,075	24.6
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,675	13,300	3,375	20.2	17,350	14,225	3,125	18.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,775	11,875	1,900	13.8	13,775	11,925	1,850	13.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,875	5,825	1,050	15.4	6,900	5,925	975	14.1
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,750	3,875	875	18.5	4,850	3,950	900	18.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,650	4,075	575	12.6	4,825	4,250	575	11.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,925	3,675	1,250	25.3	5,075	3,875	1,200	23.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,925	6,975	950	12.1	8,100	7,125	975	12.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,275	8,150	2,125	20.6	10,625	8,600	2,025	19.1
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,000	11,750	2,250	16.1	14,475	12,125	2,350	16.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,325	3,325	1,000	22.9	4,550	3,725	825	18.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,550	7,500	1,050	12.3	8,700	7,600	1,100	12.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,025	11,300	2,725	19.4	14,725	11,950	2,775	18.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	6,675	1,750	20.8	8,800	7,050	1,750	19.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,125	6,025	1,100	15.5	7,275	6,200	1,075	14.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	30,625	24,500	6,125	20.0	31,575	25,300	6,275	19.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	9,975	2,125	17.6	12,275	10,200	2,075	16.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,200	6,425	775	10.7	7,300	6,550	750	10.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,125	10,750	2,375	18.0	13,575	11,075	2,500	18.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,950	5,875	1,075	15.5	7,275	6,150	1,125	15.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,150	16,925	1,225	6.8	18,425	17,225	1,200	6.5
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,925	4,850	1,075	18.2	6,025	5,050	975	16.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,500	10,350	2,150	17.2	12,675	10,650	2,025	16.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,700	15,400	2,300	13.0	17,975	15,800	2,175	12.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,950	8,575	1,375	13.8	10,225	8,825	1,400	13.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,425	6,750	1,675	19.9	8,600	6,950	1,650	19.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,450	3,750	700	15.8	4,350	3,850	500	11.7
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,675	7,100	1,575	18.2	8,925	7,425	1,500	16.8
MANY (SABINE)	10,000	8,600	1,400	14.0	10,250	8,775	1,475	14.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,300	2,775	525	16.0	3,400	2,850	550	16.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,325	6,975	1,350	16.3	8,350	7,000	1,350	16.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	36,500	29,000	7,500	20.5	37,450	29,775	7,675	20.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	31,000	23,700	7,300	23.6	31,750	24,200	7,550	23.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,750	33,700	6,050	15.2	40,225	34,200	6,025	15.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,550	2,900	650	18.6	3,625	3,100	525	14.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,250	1,200	14.2	8,500	7,325	1,175	13.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	22,025	17,250	4,775	21.6	22,400	17,575	4,825	21.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,300	1,875	9.8	19,100	17,225	1,875	9.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,825	16,250	2,575	13.7	19,125	16,550	2,575	13.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,150	16,825	3,325	16.5	20,325	17,100	3,225	15.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,975	3,675	1,300	26.1	5,250	3,975	1,275	24.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,300	3,800	500	11.5	4,325	3,825	500	11.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,725	5,000	725	12.6	5,775	5,050	725	12.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	November 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From November 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.4	45.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.4	11.2	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	9.3	9.1	9.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.3	10.3	10.0	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.8	13.2	0	- 0.4
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.2	10.6	0	- 0.4
State	5.1	5.1	5.5	0	- 0.4
Local	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,600 during December. This estimate was 200 more than November and 100 less than December of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during December totaled 3,500. This is unchanged from the previous month and the same as December of last year.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during December. This was an increase of 200 and the increase was in retail trade. Compared to December of last year, employment in nonmanufacturing has decreased by 100. There have been some offsetting gains and losses. Construction and state government show reductions, with retail trade and services showing gains.

During the next thirty days seasonal changes are anticipated, with employment in retail sales and outdoor related employment declining.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From Nov. 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.9	214.5	215.6	- 0.6	- 1.7
MANUFACTURING	19.9	20.0	20.5	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	4.2	4.3	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.7	15.7	16.2	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.2	11.2	11.6	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.5	21.9	21.2	- 0.4	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.6	10.6	10.2	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.3	51.0	52.5	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.8	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	40.7	40.4	41.5	+ 0.3	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.8	14.0	- 0.3	- 0.5
Banking	4.0	4.1	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.7	41.8	41.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	54.1	54.1	54.9	0	- 0.8
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	51.9	51.9	52.7	0	- 0.8
State	31.3	31.2	31.9	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Local	20.6	20.7	20.8	- 0.1	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$517.59	$512.12	$510.62	42.6	43.4	43.2	$12.15	$11.80	$11.82
Petro-Chemicals	705.74	696.45	640.50	46.8	47.8	43.9	15.08	14.57	14.59

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,900 during December was down 600 from the November revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 100 and nonmanufacturing was down 500.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,900 in December, was down during the current period. Durable goods employment was down due to less business in blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling and finishing mills, and in iron and steel foundries. Nondurable goods showed no change.

Total nonmanufacturing was down during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in department stores, in grocery stores, and in men's and boys' clothing and furnishings stores. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks, in accident and health insurance and medical service plans, and in insurance agents, brokers, and services. Services employment was down due to less business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts; in automotive repair shops; and in legal services. Government showed no change; however, a small increase in state government was offset by a decrease in local government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $517.59, up $5.47 from the revised November average. Average weekly hours were down 0.8 hours and average hourly earnings were up $0.35 from last month's averages. More overtime worked by higher paid workers in petro-chemicals contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 232,100 during December, down 2,200 from November's revised total. Unemployment, at 28,700 during December, was up 300 from the November total. The December unemployment rate at 11.0 percent was up from last month's revised 10.8 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for December was 13.7 percent and the national rate was 6.3 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,800 during the current period.

Unemployment and the unemployment rate are expected to show seasonal increases during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,982 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 324 applicants in jobs during December.

The consumer price index for November, 1986 for all urban consumers was 330.8 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 325.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From Nov. 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.0	53.1	62.6	- 0.1	- 9.6
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.5	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.9
Durable Goods	2.6	2.7	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.2	0	- 0.4
MINING	6.5	6.6	8.2	- 0.1	- 1.7
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.9	2.8	- 0.1	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.8	7.7	+ 0.1	- 1.8
Water Transportation	4.1	4.0	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.0	15.5	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.5	0	- 0.6
Retail Trade	10.3	10.1	12.0	+ 0.2	- 1.7
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.1	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	7.7	7.7	9.1	0	- 1.4
GOVERNMENT	10.9	11.0	11.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.5	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.3	7.8	- 0.2	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in December eased down to 53,000, a level 100 below November. A small overall seasonal upturn in retail trade was offset by downturns in other industries. Since December of 1985, total employment lost 9,600 workers, showing a reduction of 15.3 percent.

Mining eased down with the arrival of the worst season of the year for outside work. Construction made a seasonal reduction in employment. Local government effected downward adjustments. More favorably, retail trade increased as shopping for the holiday season neared its peak. Water transportation edged up slightly. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change. Services held steady.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400 in December with a decrease of 100 over the previous month in durable goods. Nondurable goods remained unchanged. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is down 500.

Estimated unemployment in December eased down to 14,400, a level 400 below November. Seasonal factors were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 19.1 percent of the labor force compared to 19.4 percent in November and 10.8 percent in December of last year. The December rate was much higher than the state rate of 13.7 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 3,755.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA - CONTINUED
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will make typical downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Construction and mining will be adversely affected by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show some increase.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Nov. 1986	December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.5	86.2	99.7	- 0.7	-14.2
MANUFACTURING	4.7	4.8	6.1	- 0.1	- 1.4
Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.9
Nondurable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.9	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	13.3	13.2	17.4	+ 0.1	- 4.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	4.0	5.3	- 0.3	- 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.4	7.3	0	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.8	23.0	26.0	- 0.2	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.4	6.6	- 0.1	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.3	4.3	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	17.5	17.6	19.4	- 0.1	- 1.9
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.8	3.5	3.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.6	9.9	11.0	- 0.3	- 1.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.5	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.0	17.2	19.9	- 0.2	- 2.9
GOVERNMENT	14.2	14.1	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	13.3	13.2	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 85,500, a decrease of 700 from the November revised level and 14,200 below the December 1985 figure.

Nonmanufacturing employment, at 80,800 showed a decrease of 600 from last month and was 12,800 lower than the year-ago figure.

Mining was estimated at 13,300, up 100 from November but 4,100 less than the December a year ago figure.

Construction was 300 less than November of this year and 1,600 less than December 1985.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette area will probably remain about the same for the next 30 days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From Nov. 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.7	55.6	58.3	+ 0.1	- 2.6
MANUFACTURING	8.6	8.5	9.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	7.8	7.7	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.0	6.9	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.7	1.6	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.3	3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	4.1	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.3	14.4	14.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.4	11.5	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.4	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.8	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.7	9.8	10.8	- 0.1	- 1.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.3	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.7	10.6	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.7	6.6	6.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for December in the Lake Charles MSA stood at 55,700, an increase of 100 from the November revised level but 2,600 below the comparable period a year ago.

Total nonmanufacturing employment remained stable for December, however mining and construction each showed an increase of 100 over the November revised figure.

Unemployment should remain close to the current level for the next month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From Nov. 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.1	55.5	56.6	+ 0.6	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.5	2.6	2.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.2	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.4	0	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.7	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.8	15.6	16.7	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.2	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.7	11.4	12.4	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.6	3.3	4.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.9	10.9	11.1	0	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.2	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.6	9.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
State	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Local	5.0	4.8	4.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 56,100 during December, rose by 600 from the November estimate of 55,500.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month; however, there was some movement as durable goods lost 100 workers while nondurable goods was up by 100.

Nonmanufacturing rose by 600. Construction was up by 100. Wholesale and retail trade gained 200 workers as the holiday season reached its peak. Finance, insurance and real estate inched upward with a minimal gain of 100. Government was up by 200. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days, employment is expected to decline as the holiday season will be over. Over the same period, unemployment is expected to increase as the holiday season comes to an end and inclement weather is expected.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	December 1986*	Nov. 1986**	December 1985**	Net Change From Nov. 1986	Net Change From December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.1	512.6	533.0	- 1.5	-21.9
MANUFACTURING	43.0	43.1	44.5	- 0.1	- 1.5
Durable Goods	20.8	20.8	21.8	0	- 1.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.4	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Machinery	2.5	2.6	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Transportation Equipment	11.9	11.9	11.7	0	+ 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.0	8.0	7.2	0	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	22.2	22.3	22.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	6.9	6.9	6.9	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.3	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.2	16.2	19.2	0	- 3.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.7	15.7	18.7	0	- 3.0
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	23.5	27.1	- 0.5	- 4.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.4	42.6	45.4	- 0.2	- 3.0
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	12.0	12.3	13.7	- 0.3	- 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	140.2	139.2	145.0	+ 1.0	- 4.8
Wholesale Trade	32.0	32.0	34.9	0	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	20.8	0	- 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.7	14.1	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	108.2	107.2	110.1	+ 1.0	- 1.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.7	32.9	33.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
Banking	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	128.9	130.3	133.0	- 1.4	- 4.1
GOVERNMENT	84.7	84.8	85.7	- 0.1	- 1.0
Federal	15.5	15.5	15.8	0	- 0.3
State and Local	69.2	69.3	69.9	- 0.1	- 0.7
State	21.6	21.6	22.0	0	- 0.4
Local	47.6	47.7	47.9	- 0.1	- 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$432.60	$425.82	$444.14	41.2	40.4	41.9	$10.50	$10.54	$10.60
Durable Goods	392.28	378.10	404.58	40.4	39.1	41.2	9.71	9.67	9.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	309.08	332.77	360.57	32.5	34.2	35.7	9.51	9.73	10.10
Fabricated Metal Products	369.15	339.95	449.00	37.9	34.2	50.0	9.74	9.94	8.98
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	393.96	382.05	396.70	42.0	40.6	39.2	9.38	9.41	10.12
Nondurable Goods	470.82	471.63	482.38	42.0	41.7	42.5	11.21	11.31	11.35
Food & Kindred Products	331.70	322.97	330.08	40.9	39.1	40.5	8.11	8.26	8.15
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	147.00	155.93	135.94	30.0	29.2	23.6	4.90	5.34	5.76
Paper & Allied Products	472.23	387.86	477.12	49.5	43.0	49.7	9.54	9.02	9.60
Printing & Publishing	354.00	380.33	431.30	37.5	39.7	45.4	9.44	9.58	9.50
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	685.54	701.16	676.53	44.2	45.5	42.9	15.51	15.41	15.77

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in December moved down to 511,100, a level 1,500 below November. Seasonal gains in retail trade were offset by decreases in other industries. Over the year, nonagricultural employment exhibited an overall loss of 21,900 spread through every industry division. In December, nonagricultural employment stood at the lowest level since February 1979, with the exception of a few months in the middle of 1986.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,000 in December, down 100 from the previous month. Durable goods registered no change over the previous month. However, nondurable goods decreased 100 because of less business in the printing and publishing segment. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment was down 1,500 employees.

Retail trade was favored by normal seasonal upturns, largely in general merchandise stores, apparel stores, and miscellaneous stores. However, this sizable total increase was easily offset by decreases in other industries. Services was lowered by employment reductions in the hotel-motel industry, business services, private health services, and social services. More favorable was a gain in amusement services with the opening of the Fair Grounds racing season. Construction sustained the downtrend of recent months. Water transportation showed a decrease. Local government made downward adjustments. Real estate exhibited a seasonal downturn. Mining held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $432.60 a week in December, up $6.78 from last month's average. Average weekly hours increased 48 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings decreased four cents. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings were down $11.54.

Estimated unemployment in December moved down to 66,000, a level 1,200 below November. Seasonal factors were mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.2 percent of the labor force, compared to 11.4 percent in November and 10.2 percent in December of last year. The December rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 13.7 percent but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,335. About 42.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximately 34.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will make typical downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Construction and mining will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show some increase.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	December 1986*	November 1986**	December 1985**	November 1986	December 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.6	131.2	138.6	- 0.6	- 8.0
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.0	19.3	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Durable Goods	13.3	13.2	14.4	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.6	0	- 0.9
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.9	5.9	6.5	0	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
MINING	2.7	2.8	4.8	- 0.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.0	7.4	7.9	- 0.4	- 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.8	30.6	34.1	+ 0.2	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.1	8.6	0	- 0.5
Retail Trade	22.7	22.5	25.5	+ 0.2	- 2.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.9	7.8	8.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	29.9	30.3	29.5	- 0.4	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	26.5	26.6	26.5	- 0.1	0
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	22.0	22.1	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	8.3	8.3	7.3	0	+ 1.0
Local	13.7	13.8	14.8	- 0.1	- 1.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**	December '86*	Nov. '86**	December '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$533.42	$488.36	$410.29	44.6	42.1	39.3	$11.96	$11.60	$10.44
Lumber and Wood Products	160.45	179.04	225.82	28.1	30.5	37.7	5.71	5.87	5.99
Metals and Machinery	649.73	556.66	417.51	51.2	46.7	40.3	12.69	11.92	10.36
Food and Kindred Products	303.96	302.71	314.57	40.1	40.2	41.5	7.58	7.53	7.58
Printing and Publishing	312.96	295.36	274.86	33.4	32.0	32.8	9.37	9.23	8.38
Petroleum and Coal Products	621.07	546.54	503.87	45.6	42.4	42.2	13.62	12.89	11.94

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport LMA decreased to 130,600, down from 131,200 in November and 138,600 in December, 1985. Manufacturing employment showed a slight increase from the previous month, but was 1,200 less than one year ago. Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 112,500, has declined from 113,200 in November and was 6,800 less than the December 1985 estimate.

The manufacturing employment total is nearly unchanged from the revised November estimate, but remains 1,200 less than one year ago. The slight employment increase occurred in the manufacturing of durable goods, primarily stone, clay and glass products and transportation equipment.

Nonmanufacturing employment showed a decline of 700 during the past month. Most of these job losses were in construction and services industries, while mining and total government employment dropped 100 below the November estimate. Employment gains occurred in retail trade, up from 30,600 in November to 30,800 in December, and in finance, insurance and real estate which increased slightly to 7,900, up from 7,800 in November.

Average weekly earnings for 13,100 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport LMA increased to $533.42, up from $488.36 last month and $410.29 one year ago. Average weekly hours moved up to 44.6 hours, compared to 42.1 last month and 39.3 in December, 1985. The average hourly earnings increased to $11.96, up from $11.60 last month and $10.44 in December, 1985.

The Shreveport LMA has a civilian labor force of 164,500, including 142,700 employed and 21,800 unemployed. The current unemployment rate is 13.2 percent, compared to 13.7 percent for Louisiana.

Barring an unexpected mass layoff or plant closing, nonagricultural employment for this LMA should remain near or slightly below the present level during the first quarter of 1987. Total unemployment will remain high. The unemployment rate is expected to stay near 13.0 percent for the new two months.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED DECEMBER 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JANUARY 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,936.0	1,651.9	284.1	14.7	1,961.0	1,698.5	262.5	13.4	1,953.3	1,718.5	234.8	12.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.0	52.9	7.1	11.8	60.5	54.2	6.3	10.4	58.0	52.2	5.8	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	260.1	229.1	31.0	11.9	263.8	235.6	28.2	10.7	261.1	232.2	28.9	11.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.7	59.4	15.3	20.5	75.9	61.7	14.2	18.7	77.1	67.5	9.6	12.4
Lafayette 4/	101.3	84.5	16.8	16.6	104.3	88.3	16.0	15.3	108.2	97.8	10.4	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	73.0	61.9	11.1	15.2	73.9	63.3	10.6	14.4	75.2	65.2	10.0	13.3
Monroe 6/	67.5	59.3	8.2	12.1	70.5	63.1	7.4	10.5	67.9	60.7	7.2	10.6
New Orleans 7/	590.7	522.1	68.6	11.6	598.7	533.7	65.0	10.9	599.6	538.9	60.7	10.1
Shreveport 8/	165.1	142.3	22.8	13.8	167.0	145.7	21.3	12.8	167.6	147.7	19.9	11.9

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for Louisiana during January amounted to 1,488,900, a decrease of 20,500 workers from the December 1986 revised figure and 67,900 below January 1986. A seasonal decrease in retail trade was largely responsible for the decline in the total nonmanufacturing level for January. Manufacturing payrolls were down as a result of a seasonal decline in nondurable goods.

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Estimated employment in the total durable goods segment of manufacturing was unchanged from last month. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products payrolls. Transportation equipment employment was up this month due mostly to increased payrolls in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 2,100 workers from the December 1986 revised figure of 95,200. The most significant factor in this month's decrease was a seasonal decline in food and kindred products manufacturing. Less demand in most segments of paper and allied products resulted in lower employment for this industry. Chemicals and allied products employment dropped by 200 workers in January.

Louisiana's estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries during January was 1,324,700, down by 18,400 from December 1986 and 64,200 below the year-ago figure. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Employment was lower throughout the construction industry for January, especially for heavy construction contractors. Less business for the state's ports and decreased trucking and warehousing employment both were largely responsible for the downturn in transportation and public utilities. Seasonal cutbacks in retail trade were most significant in the downturn of total trade employment. Credit agencies, other than banks, and insurance carriers were instrumental in the increase of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Decreases in educational services employment were largely responsible in the lower payrolls for total services this month. Government payrolls were down mostly as a result of a decrease in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 117,300 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $457.31 in December to $442.49 in January, a decrease of $14.82, but an increase of $5.27 above January 1986. Average hourly earnings were eight cents higher in January than last month and $0.23 more than January of last year. Weekly hours averaged 41.2 for the current month, a decrease of 1.7 hours from last month's average of 42.9 hours.

Total unemployment in Louisiana, estimated at 284,100 for January, was up by 21,600 from December's revised level of 262,500 and 49,300 above January a year ago. The unemployment rate for January was 14.7 percent compared to December's revised rate of 13.4 percent and 12.0 percent for January 1986. The comparable national unemployment rate for January was 7.3 percent compared to 6.3 percent in December and 7.3 percent for January of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,961,000 in December to 1,936,000 in January, a decrease of 25,000. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,698,500 in December to 1,651,900 in January, a drop of 46,600.

The state's unemployment rate may rise slightly during the next month. Manufacturing employment may increase next month. Trade employment is expected to fall, while government payrolls may rise slightly.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change from December 1986	Net Change from January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,488.9	1,509.4	1,556.8	-20.5	-67.9
MINING	58.3	58.6	78.2	- 0.3	-19.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.6	55.8	75.2	- 0.2	-19.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	84.1	85.7	94.6	- 1.6	-10.5
MANUFACTURING	164.2	166.3	167.9	- 2.1	- 3.7
Durable Goods	71.1	71.1	74.4	0	- 3.3
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	6.0	6.3	- 0.2	- 0.5
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	11.7	11.7	13.2	0	- 1.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.2	8.2	9.4	0	- 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.6	7.9	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.7	19.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	93.1	95.2	93.5	- 2.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	22.6	20.0	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.0	8.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	11.7	12.1	11.8	- 0.4	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.8	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.6	26.9	- 0.2	- 1.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.2	105.9	112.6	- 0.7	- 7.4
Railroad Transportation	5.5	5.5	5.9	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.3	59.0	65.2	- 0.7	- 6.9
Water Transportation	22.8	23.2	28.5	- 0.4	- 5.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.4	41.4	41.5	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.5	19.5	- 0.1	- 1.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.0	22.9	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	360.4	369.8	374.4	- 9.4	-14.0
Wholesale Trade	81.2	81.9	88.1	- 0.7	- 6.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.5	51.4	0	- 5.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	35.7	36.4	36.7	- 0.7	- 1.0
Retail Trade	279.2	287.9	286.3	- 8.7	- 7.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.4	63.8	60.8	- 5.4	- 2.4
Food Stores	57.3	57.5	53.6	- 0.2	+ 3.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.4	30.1	32.0	- 0.7	- 2.6
Eating & Drinking Places	82.9	83.6	85.1	- 0.7	- 2.2
Other Retail Trade	51.2	52.9	54.8	- 1.7	- 3.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change from December 1986	Net Change from January 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.0	84.7	85.6	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Banking	26.1	26.1	27.2	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	313.1	315.6	320.4	- 2.5	- 7.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.5	22.9	23.0	- 0.4	- 0.5
Personal Services	14.7	14.4	15.4	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Business Services	54.7	54.1	58.9	+ 0.6	- 4.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.9	6.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.6	8.9	8.8	- 0.3	- 0.2
Health Services	96.3	96.3	93.5	0	+ 2.8
Legal Services	14.4	14.4	14.0	0	+ 0.4
Educational Services	20.2	21.6	22.8	- 1.4	- 2.6
Social Services	18.4	18.7	18.7	- 0.3	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.4	25.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	16.1	17.1	- 0.2	- 1.2
GOVERNMENT	318.6	322.8	323.1	- 4.2	- 4.5
Federal	36.0	36.1	35.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
State and Local	282.6	286.7	287.6	- 4.1	- 5.0
State	100.0	102.9	102.1	- 2.9	- 2.1
Local	182.6	183.8	185.5	- 1.2	- 2.9

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$442.49	$457.31	$437.22	41.2	42.9	41.6	$10.74	$10.66	$10.51
Durable Goods	390.22	402.27	392.51	39.9	41.6	41.1	9.78	9.67	9.55
Lumber & Wood Products	338.48	335.24	312.53	42.9	41.8	40.8	7.89	8.02	7.66
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	349.32	353.19	351.54	37.4	37.1	37.8	9.34	9.52	9.30
Fabricated Metal Products	389.23	418.61	404.84	40.8	45.9	41.1	9.54	9.12	9.85
Machinery, ex. Electrical	453.90	455.27	416.99	42.5	43.4	42.9	10.68	10.49	9.72
Electric & Electronic Equip.	437.58	451.91	459.79	37.4	38.2	41.2	11.70	11.83	11.16
Transportation Equipment	415.94	437.85	444.36	38.3	41.7	42.0	10.86	10.50	10.58
Nondurable Goods	487.72	502.92	477.12	42.3	44.0	42.0	11.53	11.43	11.36
Food & Kindred Products	307.72	332.51	299.54	39.2	44.1	38.7	7.85	7.54	7.74
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.20	215.74	195.04	39.7	40.4	36.8	5.32	5.34	5.30
Paper & Allied Products	532.47	588.07	554.46	40.4	43.4	43.9	13.18	13.55	12.63
Printing & Publishing	380.54	391.02	392.03	38.4	38.6	38.7	9.91	10.13	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	693.34	717.78	661.12	46.1	46.7	44.4	15.04	15.37	14.89
Petroleum & Coal Products	698.02	689.30	689.12	47.1	46.2	47.2	14.82	14.92	14.60
Petroleum Refining	716.38	705.09	706.48	47.6	47.1	47.8	15.05	14.97	14.78
MINING	564.57	564.04	540.44	45.9	47.2	47.2	12.30	11.95	11.45
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	491.38	512.23	522.83	39.5	39.8	41.2	12.44	12.87	12.69
BANKING	266.87	269.70	261.50	37.8	39.2	38.4	7.06	6.88	6.81

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 117,300 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 01 87				REVISED 12 86			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,500	19,050	4,450	19.0	23,825	19,525	4,300	18.0
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,175	7,575	1,600	17.4	9,300	7,775	1,525	16.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,200	5,525	2,675	32.6	7,925	5,950	1,975	24.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,375	12,725	3,650	22.3	16,200	12,925	3,275	20.2
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,575	11,575	2,000	14.8	14,125	12,250	1,875	13.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,575	1,075	16.2	6,750	5,700	1,050	15.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,575	875	19.6	4,550	3,675	875	19.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,475	3,800	675	15.0	4,450	3,875	575	12.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,850	3,450	1,400	29.1	4,750	3,525	1,225	25.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,400	6,450	950	12.9	7,575	6,650	925	12.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,100	7,800	2,300	22.8	10,075	8,000	2,075	20.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,250	10,950	2,300	17.3	13,375	11,175	2,200	16.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,100	2,975	1,125	27.6	4,025	3,025	1,000	24.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,525	7,350	1,175	13.7	8,600	7,575	1,025	11.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,750	10,925	2,825	20.6	13,900	11,250	2,650	19.1
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,400	6,375	2,025	24.1	8,275	6,575	1,700	20.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,750	5,525	1,225	18.1	6,700	5,625	1,075	16.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	29,350	22,450	6,900	23.5	29,300	23,325	5,975	20.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,250	9,925	2,325	19.0	12,275	10,175	2,100	17.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,075	6,300	775	11.0	7,275	6,525	750	10.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,675	10,300	2,375	18.7	12,800	10,475	2,325	18.1
JENA (LASALLE)	6,725	5,600	1,125	16.7	6,800	5,750	1,050	15.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,675	16,425	1,250	7.1	17,900	16,700	1,200	6.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,875	4,600	1,275	21.8	5,800	4,750	1,050	18.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,275	9,750	2,525	20.6	12,125	10,000	2,125	17.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,325	14,825	2,500	14.4	17,425	15,150	2,275	13.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,400	7,975	1,425	15.2	9,525	8,175	1,350	14.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,250	6,275	1,975	24.0	8,175	6,550	1,625	20.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,200	3,625	575	13.8	4,375	3,700	675	15.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,475	6,725	1,750	20.5	8,450	6,900	1,550	18.5
MANY (SABINE)	10,125	8,650	1,475	14.6	10,200	8,825	1,375	13.6
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,425	575	18.9	3,025	2,500	525	17.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,500	6,825	1,675	19.7	8,375	7,050	1,325	15.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	35,600	27,625	7,975	22.4	35,400	28,100	7,300	20.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	28,175	20,275	7,900	28.0	28,000	20,900	7,100	25.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,825	32,400	6,425	16.5	39,375	33,475	5,900	15.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,400	2,725	675	19.5	3,450	2,775	675	19.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,150	6,825	1,325	16.1	8,200	7,050	1,150	14.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,300	16,250	5,050	23.7	21,375	16,700	4,675	21-9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,600	16,650	1,950	10.5	19,200	17,350	1,850	9.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,325	15,600	2,725	14.8	18,525	16,000	2,525	13.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,675	16,150	3,525	17.9	19,800	16,525	3,275	16.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,975	3,500	1,475	29.6	4,850	3,575	1,275	26.5
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,625	600	14.3	4,225	3,750	475	11.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,650	4,900	750	13.4	5,775	5,075	700	12.2

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	December 1986	January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	46.2	44.8	- 0.7	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	11.1	10.2	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.6	9.0	8.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.3	1.8	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.0	10.4	0	+ 0.6
Health Services	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.9	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.3	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	4.9	5.0	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Local	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 during January. This estimate was 700 less than December and 700 more than January of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during January totaled 3,300. This is unchanged since last year and 100 less than last month. The reduction since last month was in lumber and wood products.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during January. This was a decline of 600 since December and an increase of 700 over January of last year. Since last month, the major reductions were in retail trade which was due to seasonal reductions after the holiday season. Compared to January of last year, major gains have been in retail trade and services. Declines over this period were in construction and state government.

During the next thirty days slight declines should continue in retail trade and a slight growth in the unemployment rate is expected.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.2	214.3	214.1	- 2.1	- 1.9
MANUFACTURING	18.7	19.0	19.2	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	15.0	15.3	- 0.3	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.4	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	0.8	0	+ 0.3
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.3	20.0	21.0	- 0.7	- 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.0	52.7	52.4	- 0.7	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.3	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	40.9	41.6	41.0	- 0.7	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.6	0	- 0.2
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.0	41.3	41.0	- 0.3	0
GOVERNMENT	56.4	56.5	55.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	54.1	54.3	53.3	- 0.2	+ 0.8
State	33.1	33.0	31.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Local	21.0	21.3	21.5	- 0.3	- 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$507.56	$513.36	$529.19	41.4	41.5	42.2	$12.26	$12.37	$12.54
Petro-Chemicals	686.88	721.43	702.34	48.0	47.4	47.2	14.31	15.22	14.88

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 11,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 212,200 during January was down 2,100 from the December revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 300 and nonmanufacturing was down 1,800.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in January, was down during the current period. Durable goods employment had no change. Nondurable goods was down due to a seasonal drop in sugar and confectionery products, and less business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total nonmanufacturing was down during the current period. Mining had no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential building, in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, in electrical work, and in miscellaneous special trades contractors. Transportation and public utilities had no change. Wholesale and retail trade lost 700 jobs due to seasonal declines in department stores, in motor vehicle dealers (new and used), and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate had no change. Services was down due to less business in hospitals and seasonal declines in hotels and motels, and in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. Government was down due to a decline in local government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 11,900 production workers in all manufacturing was $507.56, down $5.80 from the revised December average. Average weekly hours were down 0.1 hours and average hourly earnings were down $0.11 from last month's averages. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 229,100 during January, down 6,500 from December's revised total. Unemployment, at 31,000 during January, was up 2,800 from the December total. The January unemployment rate at 11.9 percent was up from last month's revised 10.7 percent and unchanged from January of last year. The statewide unemployment rate for January was 14.7 percent and the national rate was 7.3 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,100 during the current period.

Unemployment and the unemployment rate are expected to reflect little change during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,380 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 209 applicants in jobs during January.

The consumer price index for December, 1986 for all urban consumers was 331.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 325.7 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.4	53.4	59.6	- 1.0	- 7.2
MANUFACTURING	4.8	5.1	4.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.5	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.7	2.0	1.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
MINING	6.0	6.0	8.0	0	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.5	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.7	6.0	7.4	- 0.3	- 1.7
Water Transportation	3.5	3.7	4.7	- 0.2	- 1.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.4	14.6	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.7	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.3	0	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.0	7.9	8.9	+ 0.1	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	10.6	11.0	11.1	- 0.4	- 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.5	10.6	- 0.4	- 0.5
State	3.0	3.2	2.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.3	7.7	- 0.2	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in January moved down to 52,400, a level 1,000 below December. A continuation of the problems that hurt the area in the past year was mostly responsible. Since January of 1986, total employment lost 7,200 workers, showing a reduction of 12.1 percent.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,800 in January, down 300 over the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged over the previous month, but nondurable goods decreased 300 with the end of the seafood processing season. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 100.

State government reflected a temporary downturn as educational services moved into the period between semesters. Local government sustained an overall downtrend. Water transportation showed a decrease. Construction tapered off in the worst season of the year for outside work. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a very minor overall downturn. More favorably, wholesale trade pushed up slightly. Services added workers, mostly in business services. Mining held steady.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA (CONTINUED)
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in January pushed up to 15,300, a level 1,100 above December. Seasonal factors as well as problems of a longer range nature were responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 20.5 percent of the labor force compared to 18.7 percent in December and 12.4 percent in January of last year. The January rate was higher than the state rate of 14.7 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,025.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Mining and construction will benefit from better weather conditions. Many changes on the local level will depend on developments in the national and world economies, especially those that closely affect the oil and gas industry. Little change is forecast for unemployment in this local area.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.0	84.6	95.3	- 2.6	-13.3
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	10.7	11.4	15.4	- 0.7	- 4.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.2	4.3	- 0.2	- 1.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.8	22.5	25.1	- 0.7	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.9	6.1	- 0.1	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	4.0	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	17.0	17.6	19.0	- 0.6	- 2.0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.0	3.2	3.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.7	10.1	10.7	- 0.4	- 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.1	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.5	17.6	20.1	- 0.1	- 2.6
GOVERNMENT	12.7	13.5	12.8	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	12.6	11.9	- 0.7	0
State	4.8	5.3	4.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Local	7.1	7.3	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,000 a decrease of 2,600 from the December 1986 revised level and 13,300 below the January 1986 figure.

Nonmanufacturing employment, at 76,100 showed a decrease of 2,600 from last month and was 13,000 lower than the year-ago figure.

Mining was estimated at 10,700, down 700 from December and 4,700 less than the January 1986 figure.

Retail trade and state government showed seasonal declines of 600 and 500 respectively.

The unemployment rate in the Lafayette area will probably remain about the same for the next month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.5	56.8	59.2	- 0.3	- 2.7
MANUFACTURING	8.7	8.6	9.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.0	8.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.2	7.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	4.8	5.0	6.4	- 0.2	- 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.8	4.0	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	14.2	14.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.4	11.1	- 0.3	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.8	2.0	1.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.4	0.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Local	6.3	6.3	6.4	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for January in the Lake Charles LMA stood at 56,500, a decrease of 300 from the December 1986 revised level and 2,700 below the comparable period a year ago.

Total nonmanufacturing employment fell by 400 in January from the December figure and showed a 2,400 drop from January a year ago.

Construction declined by 200 and retail trade exhibited a seasonal decrease of 300 from the December level.

The unemployment rate will probably remain close to the current level for the next month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.6	55.9	54.4	- 2.3	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.5	7.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.0	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.0	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	15.4	15.2	- 0.7	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	10.9	11.6	11.4	- 0.7	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	3.2	3.5	- 0.4	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.4	3.2	- 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.0	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	11.4	10.0	- 1.5	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.3	10.8	9.4	- 1.5	- 0.1
State	3.9	5.0	3.6	- 1.1	+ 0.3
Local	5.4	5.8	5.8	- 0.4	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimated at 53,600 during mid-January was 2,300 below the December estimate of 55,900. The loss reflects the end of the holiday season as well as the semester break at local educational facilities.

Manufacturing was down minimally to 7,400. The slight decline was in nondurable goods.

Government declined by 1,500 to an estimated 9,900 reflecting the semester break at educational facilities and the cut back in other programs. Wholesale and retail trade, down by 700, reflects the ending of the holiday season. Services was up by 100; while construction declined by 100. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to remain relatively stable; while unemployment remains high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.7	516.3	527.3	- 3.6	-14.6
MANUFACTURING	44.6	44.7	44.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	21.4	21.4	21.7	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	+ 0.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	8.1	7.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	23.2	23.3	22.7	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	7.2	7.4	6.7	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.6	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	16.3	16.2	18.3	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.4	15.3	17.4	+ 0.1	- 2.0
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.9	25.9	- 0.5	- 2.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.2	42.3	45.0	- 0.1	- 2.8
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.5	11.2	13.4	+ 0.3	- 1.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.8	137.2	137.6	- 1.4	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	32.2	32.3	34.1	- 0.1	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.0	18.8	20.4	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.5	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.5
Retail Trade	103.6	104.9	103.5	- 1.3	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.7	33.7	33.4	0	+ 0.3
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
SERVICES	131.8	132.7	134.2	- 0.9	- 2.4
GOVERNMENT	84.9	85.6	88.5	- 0.7	- 3.6
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.3	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	69.3	70.0	73.2	- 0.7	- 3.9
State	19.8	20.4	20.8	- 0.6	- 1.0
Local	49.5	49.6	52.4	- 0.1	- 2.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$437.12	$442.68	$430.77	40.7	42.0	40.6	$10.74	$10.54	$10.61
Durable Goods	398.27	410.52	395.76	39.2	41.3	40.8	10.16	9.94	9.70
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	276.64	307.30	311.86	28.2	29.1	29.2	9.81	10.56	10.68
Fabricated Metal Products	487.54	485.44	418.82	46.3	44.7	40.9	10.53	10.86	10.24
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	370.74	391.77	383.95	37.6	41.9	42.1	9.86	9.35	9.12
Nondurable Goods	475.59	472.01	463.85	42.2	42.6	40.3	11.27	11.08	11.51
Food & Kindred Products	340.20	345.28	317.04	40.5	41.7	36.4	8.40	8.28	8.71
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	137.25	169.40	153.17	25.0	30.8	27.9	5.49	5.50	5.49
Paper & Allied Products	396.04	454.45	434.31	44.7	48.5	46.6	8.86	9.37	9.32
Printing & Publishing	342.10	351.12	378.90	40.2	38.5	39.8	8.51	9.12	9.52
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	715.18	700.58	710.01	47.3	46.0	44.1	15.12	15.23	16.10

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in January decreased to 512,700, a level 3,600 below December. Changes were mostly of a seasonal nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 14,600 workers, with every industry division except manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate exhibiting a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 44,600 in January, down 100 from the previous month. In durable goods, ship and boatbuilding and repair decreased 200 over the previous month as contracts were completed. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products registered a downturn with the end of the seafood processing season. Printing and publishing edged up 100 with an increase in business in this segment. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is up 200.

Retail trade made normal seasonal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. In wholesale trade, an upturn in durable goods was offset by a downturn in nondurable goods. Services was lowered by a temporary downturn as private educational services moved into the period between semesters. State government decreased, reflecting seasonal changes as well as problems of a longer range nature. Construction moved down to an even lower level in the worst season of the year for outside activity. Transportation and public utilities exhibited small decreases in several industries which together offset a gain in water transportation. More favorably, mining added a small number of workers. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $437.12 a week in January, down $5.56 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased one hour and eighteen minutes from the previous month, but average hourly earnings increased $0.20. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $6.35 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in January pushed up to 68,600, a level 3,600 above December. Seasonal factors as well as problems of a longer range nature were responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.6 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in December and 10.1 percent in January of last year. The January rate was sonewhat lower than the state rate of 14.7 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,788. About 43.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximatley 34.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Construction and mining will increase activity as weather conditions improve. Retail trade will probably add workers as the Easter season approaches. Unemployment will likely show a small decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	December 1986**	January 1986**	Net Change From December 1986	Net Change From January 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.2	132.3	136.0	- 1.1	- 4.8
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	19.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.8	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.8	7.8	8.4	0	- 0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.2	6.6	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	3.4	3.2	4.8	+ 0.2	- 1.4
CONSTRUCTION	6.9	6.9	7.7	0	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.4	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.4	31.2	32.6	- 0.8	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.7	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.9
Retail Trade	22.8	23.5	24.1	- 0.7	- 1.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	30.4	31.2	30.0	- 0.8	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	25.3	25.0	25.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.8	20.6	21.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
State	6.4	6.2	6.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Local	14.4	14.4	14.5	0	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**	January '87*	Dec. '86**	January '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$461.13	$530.64	$435.71	40.7	44.0	39.9	$11.33	$12.06	$10.92
Lumber and Wood Products	220.82	175.39	232.38	36.2	28.8	37.3	6.10	6.09	6.23
Metals and Machinery	515.79	658.37	411.08	43.6	50.8	40.5	11.83	12.96	10.15
Food and Kindred Products	315.15	312.89	310.78	40.3	40.9	41.0	7.82	7.65	7.58
Printing and Publishing	299.72	318.32	274.52	29.5	33.9	30.2	10.16	9.39	9.09
Petroleum and Coal Products	544.83	621.07	520.30	47.5	45.6	43.0	11.47	13.62	12.10

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total for the Shreveport labor market area dropped to 131,200, down from the revised December estimate of 132,300, and was 4,800 less than January, 1986. Manufacturing employment showed a slight gain resulting from an increase in nondurable goods production. The decline in nonmanufacturing employment during the past month has occurred primarily in trade and services industries.

The manufacturing employment total of 18,700 was nearly unchanged from 18,600 in December and only 500 less than January, 1986. The employment increase in other nondurable goods from 2,200 to 2,300 was the only change in manufacturing workers during the past month.

Nonmanufacturing employment estimated at 112,500, dropped from 113,700 in December and has decreased from 116,800 one year ago. During the past month both trade and services lost 800 workers. There was a minimal loss in transportation and public utilities, down from 8,400 in December to 8,300 in January. Employment gains in mining and government partially offsets job losses in trade and services industries. Employment in mining increased from 3,200 in December to 3,400, while federal government moved up from 4,400 to 4,500, and state government increased to 6,400, up from 6,200.

The Shreveport labor area has 13,600 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $461.13, down from $530.64 last month. Average weekly hours dropped to 40.7, below the previous months average of 44.0. The average hourly earnings of $11.33 fell below the $12.06 hourly earnings for last month, but up from $10.92 in January, 1986.

The Shreveport LMA has a civilian labor force estimated at 165,100, with 142,300 employed and 22,800 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area is 13.8 percent.

No significant change is expected in this area through the first quarter of 1987. Nonagricultural employment will likely level off near the current total, while total unemployment should peak around 23,000 in the area.

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LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1987*	Dec. 1986**	January 1986**	Dec. 1986	January 1986
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.6	2.2	- 0.3	+ 0.1

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1987				REVISED JANUARY 1987				REVISED FEBRUARY 1986			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,940.7	1,663.4	277.3	14.3	1,943.3	1,654.7	288.6	14.9	1,967.1	1,725.1	242.0	12.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.7	53.6	7.1	11.7	60.5	53.3	7.2	11.9	58.9	52.9	6.0	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	261.1	231.2	29.9	11.5	260.0	228.5	31.5	12.1	261.3	232.3	29.0	11.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.3	59.7	15.6	20.7	74.7	58.9	15.8	21.1	77.5	67.1	10.4	13.5
Lafayette 4/	100.9	84.9	16.0	15.9	101.4	84.3	17.1	16.8	109.5	98.6	10.9	9.9
Lake Charles 5/	72.6	61.9	10.7	14.7	73.1	61.9	11.2	15.3	75.1	64.6	10.5	13.9
Monroe 6/	69.2	60.9	8.3	12.0	68.1	59.6	8.5	12.4	68.5	61.3	7.2	10.5
New Orleans 7/	590.6	524.0	66.6	11.3	594.0	524.1	69.9	11.8	603.1	541.5	61.6	10.2
Shreveport 8/	164.4	142.2	22.2	13.5	164.6	141.6	23.0	14.0	167.9	147.9	20.0	11.9

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,482,000 for February, a decrease of 4,500 below January's revised level and 64,400 below the February 1986 figure. A large portion of the decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing employment occurred in the construction and trade sectors. Cutbacks in nondurable goods were largely responsible for the decrease in manufacturing.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 70,700 for February, was 200 lower than the January revised level of 70,900, and 3,700 below the year-ago figure. A decrease in the transportation equipment sector was mostly responsible for the downturn in durable goods manufacturing employment.

Total nondurable goods employment for February was 91,600, a decrease of 1,400 from January's revised figure and 700 lower than February, 1986. A seasonal decrease in the canning and packaging of seafood and in sugar and confectionery products accounted for the decline in food and kindred products employment. Employment was also down in the chemicals and allied products sector of nondurable goods manufacturing.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during February was 1,319,700, a decrease of 2,900 from the January revised figure of 1,322,600. Mining payrolls were down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. A downturn in heavy construction contractors and special trade contractors accounted for the decline in construction employment. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment largely due to more activity at the state's ports. A decrease in total trade was centered in the retail segment as cutbacks continued after the holiday season. Higher real estate employment contributed to the upturn in the finance, insurance and real estate segment of nonmanufacturing for February. An increase in health services was mostly responsible for the increase in total services employment. Government employment for the current month moved upward, largely as a result of increases in state education payrolls due to the hiring of students for the beginning of the spring semester.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 115,800 production workers in manufacturing increased from $444.88 in January to $454.44 in February, an increase of $9.56, and an increase of $16.15 above the February 1986 figure. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 higher in February than last month, and $0.13 more than February of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 for the current month, up by 0.5 hours from January's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 277,300 in February, a decrease of 11,300 below the January level of 288,600. The unemployment rate for February was 14.3 percent, compared to 14.9 percent for last month and 12.3 percent for February, 1986. The comparable national unemployment rate for February was 7.2 percent, compared to 7.3 percent in January and 7.8 percent for February of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,943,300 in January to 1,940,700 in February, a decrease of 2,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,654,700 in January to 1,663,400 in February, an increase of 8,700.

The unemployment rate for the state is expected to decrease during the next month. Construction, trade and services in the nonmanufacturing segment may move upward in the next few months. Manufacturing employment may go up in the next month or two.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	Jan. 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change from Jan. 1987	Net Change from February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,482.0	1,486.5	1,546.4	- 4.5	-64.4
MINING	57.6	58.1	75.1	- 0.5	-17.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.9	55.4	72.1	- 0.5	-17.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	82.0	83.8	92.6	- 1.8	-10.6
MANUFACTURING	162.3	163.9	166.7	- 1.6	- 4.4
Durable Goods	70.7	70.9	74.4	- 0.2	- 3.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	11.8	12.3	0	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.8	6.3	0	- 0.5
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	11.7	11.6	13.2	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.3	8.2	9.3	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.5	7.6	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	19.7	20.0	20.0	- 0.3	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	91.6	93.0	92.3	- 1.4	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	19.9	20.9	19.7	- 1.0	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	7.9	8.1	8.0	- 0.2	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	11.9	11.7	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.0	25.4	26.6	- 0.4	- 1.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.5	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.6	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.1	105.0	111.6	+ 0.1	- 6.5
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.4	64.5	+ 0.2	- 5.9
Water Transportation	23.1	23.0	27.9	+ 0.1	- 4.8
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.1	41.2	41.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.5	19.5	0	- 1.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.6	22.7	21.8	- 0.1	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	356.9	359.7	370.8	- 2.8	-13.9
Wholesale Trade	80.2	80.2	87.5	0	- 7.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	44.4	44.3	50.9	+ 0.1	- 6.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	35.8	35.9	36.6	- 0.1	- 0.8
Retail Trade	276.7	279.5	283.3	- 2.8	- 6.6
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	56.8	58.7	58.0	- 1.9	- 1.2
Food Stores	57.2	57.3	53.5	- 0.1	+ 3.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.2	29.4	31.6	- 0.2	- 2.4
Eating & Drinking Places	81.7	82.4	86.4	- 0.7	- 4.7
Other Retail Trade	51.8	51.7	53.8	+ 0.1	- 2.0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	Jan. 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change from Jan. 1987	Net Change from February 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.8	84.7	85.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	26.0	26.0	27.1	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	313.0	312.8	319.6	+ 0.2	- 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.6	23.1	0	- 0.5
Personal Services	14.7	14.6	15.4	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Business Services	53.7	53.8	58.1	- 0.1	- 4.4
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.7	9.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.8	6.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.3	8.4	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Health Services	96.9	96.5	93.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Legal Services	14.6	14.5	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.4	20.3	23.0	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Social Services	18.7	18.6	18.7	+ 0.1	0
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.3	25.7	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	16.1	16.1	17.1	0	- 1.0
GOVERNMENT	320.3	318.5	324.8	+ 1.8	- 4.5
Federal	36.2	36.2	35.6	0	+ 0.6
State and Local	284.1	282.3	289.2	+ 1.8	- 5.1
State	101.2	99.8	103.1	+ 1.4	- 1.9
Local	182.9	182.5	186.1	+ 0.4	- 3.2

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$454.44	$444.88	$438.29	42.0	41.5	41.0	$10.82	$10.72	$10.69
Durable Goods	395.65	391.15	384.80	41.0	40.2	40.0	9.65	9.73	9.62
Lumber & Wood Products	349.43	335.33	311.65	43.3	42.5	39.6	8.07	7.89	7.87
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	349.60	342.04	356.96	38.0	36.7	38.8	9.20	9.32	9.20
Fabricated Metal Products	377.08	397.20	378.34	40.2	42.3	39.7	9.38	9.39	9.53
Machinery, ex. Electrical	382.62	449.35	399.78	42.0	43.0	41.6	9.11	10.45	9.61
Electric & Electronic Equip.	499.39	438.04	480.38	40.9	37.6	41.7	12.21	11.65	11.52
Transportation Equipment	432.28	415.94	435.81	40.4	38.3	39.8	10.70	10.86	10.95
Nondurable Goods	504.18	490.33	487.72	42.8	42.6	41.9	11.78	11.51	11.64
Food & Kindred Products	307.26	307.72	299.14	38.6	39.2	38.4	7.96	7.85	7.79
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	207.48	208.43	188.62	39.0	39.4	34.8	5.32	5.29	5.42
Paper & Allied Products	566.63	549.54	581.62	42.7	42.6	44.5	13.27	12.90	13.07
Printing & Publishing	383.53	372.85	393.09	38.2	37.7	38.5	10.04	9.89	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	702.73	697.62	669.37	45.9	46.2	44.3	15.31	15.10	15.11
Petroleum & Coal Products	730.63	690.23	702.41	49.4	46.7	47.3	14.79	14.78	14.85
Petroleum Refining	755.00	708.00	716.64	50.3	47.2	48.0	15.01	15.00	14.93
MINING	563.04	624.06	525.77	48.0	49.1	45.6	11.73	12.71	11.53
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	508.99	511.68	528.34	40.3	40.1	41.7	12.63	12.76	12.67
BANKING	261.50	264.98	266.24	38.4	37.8	40.4	6.81	7.01	6.59

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 115,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 02 87				REVISED 01 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,800	19,275	4,525	19.0	23,700	19,175	4,525	19.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,150	7,600	1,550	16.9	9,100	7,500	1,600	17.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,175	5,400	2,775	33.9	8,300	5,575	2,725	32.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,675	12,925	3,750	22.5	16,425	12,750	3,675	22.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,625	11,700	1,925	14.1	13,525	11,500	2,025	15.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,600	1,025	15.5	6,675	5,600	1,075	16.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,525	3,625	900	19.8	4,475	3,600	875	19.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,375	3,750	625	14.1	4,500	3,825	675	14.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,900	3,575	1,325	26.9	4,875	3,450	1,425	29.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,450	6,475	975	13.1	7,475	6,500	975	13.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,225	8,000	2,225	21.7	10,175	7,850	2,325	22.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,175	11,025	2,150	16.2	13,350	11,025	2,325	17.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,300	3,125	1,175	27.1	4,150	3,000	1,150	27.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,575	7,425	1,150	13.5	8,550	7,375	1,175	13.8
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,775	11,100	2,675	19.5	13,850	11,000	2,850	20.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,575	6,600	1,975	23.1	8,475	6,425	2,050	24.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,525	1,175	17.4	6,725	5,500	1,225	18.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	29,375	22,625	6,750	23.0	29,550	22,600	6,950	23.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,325	9,975	2,350	19.0	12,350	9,975	2,375	19.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,100	6,350	750	10.4	7,075	6,300	775	11.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,150	10,525	2,625	20.0	12,775	10,375	2,400	18.8
JENA (LASALLE)	6,650	5,575	1,075	16.0	6,750	5,625	1,125	16.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,800	16,600	1,200	6.8	17,775	16,525	1,250	7.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,975	4,725	1,250	20.7	5,925	4,625	1,300	21.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,250	9,925	2,325	19.0	12,400	9,800	2,600	20.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,450	15,050	2,400	13.8	17,450	14,925	2,525	14.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,400	8,050	1,350	14.4	9,500	8,025	1,475	15.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,275	6,350	1,925	23.3	8,325	6,300	2,025	24.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,275	3,675	600	14.2	4,250	3,650	600	14.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,675	6,925	1,750	20.2	8,550	6,775	1,775	20.8
MANY (SABINE)	10,000	8,600	1,400	13.9	10,175	8,675	1,500	14.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,050	2,500	550	18.4	3,025	2,450	575	19.1
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,550	6,925	1,625	19.0	8,575	6,850	1,725	20.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	35,275	27,725	7,550	21.4	35,875	27,825	8,050	22.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	27,775	20,225	7,550	27.2	28,325	20,400	7,925	28.0
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,150	33,025	6,125	15.7	39,075	32,600	6,475	16.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	2,850	650	18.7	3,425	2,750	675	19.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	6,950	1,325	16.1	8,200	6,875	1,325	16.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,350	16,375	4,975	23.3	21,475	16,350	5,125	23.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,575	16,725	1,850	10.0	18,550	16,575	1,975	10.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,400	15,750	2,650	14.4	18,425	15,675	2,750	14.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,400	16,050	3,350	17.3	19,750	16,200	3,550	18.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,375	3,650	1,725	32.1	5,050	3,525	1,525	30.3
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,650	575	13.8	4,250	3,650	600	14.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,675	4,925	750	13.2	5,725	4,950	775	13.6

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.7	44.7	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.8	10.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.6	8.7	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.9	2.0	1.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.8	13.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.2	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
State	4.9	4.9	5.3	0	- 0.4
Local	5.2	5.3	5.2	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,600 during February. This estimate was 100 less than January and 900 more than February of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during February totaled 3,500. This is unchanged since last month and 300 more than February of last year. The increase since last year was in lumber and wood products and in durable goods manufacturing.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during February. This was down 100 since January and a increase of 600 over last February. Since last month retail trade and local government decreased slightly, and there was a slight rise in services. Compared to February of last year, gains were made in retail trade and services with decreases showing in construction and state government.

During the next thirty days total employment and the number of unemployed should remain stable.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	212.7	211.1	213.3	+ 1.6	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	18.6	18.7	19.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	14.6	14.7	15.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.5	1.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	7.6	7.6	8.3	0	- 0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	0.8	0	+ 0.3
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	19.8	19.4	20.3	+ 0.4	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.9	52.1	51.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.2	11.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.4	7.5	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.3	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	40.8	40.9	40.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.3	13.2	13.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.4	41.1	41.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	56.2	55.2	55.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	53.9	52.9	53.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.2
State	32.4	31.7	32.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.3
Local	21.5	21.2	21.6	+ 0.3	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$498.94	$508.00	$546.84	40.4	41.2	43.4	$12.35	$12.33	$12.60
Petro-Chemicals	663.78	691.67	737.55	46.0	48.2	49.7	14.43	14.35	14.84

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 11,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 212,700 during February, was up 1,600 from the revised January estimate. Manufacturing was down 100 and nonmanufacturing was up 1,700.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,600 in February was down during the current period. Durable goods employment showed no change. Nondurable goods was down due to reductions in printing and publishing.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, in concrete work; and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities employment was up due to more business in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade was down due to less business in hardware, in plumbing and heating equipment and supplies, and in machinery, equipment, and supplies. Retail trade was down due to less business in motor vehicle dealers (new and used) and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed increases in accident and health insurance, medical service plans and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Services rose due to more business in personnel supply services, in hospitals, and in nursing and personal care facilities. Government was up during the current period. Federal government showed no change. State government was up due to seasonal increases in temporary faculty, staff and student workers in colleges, universities, professional schools and junior colleges. Local government was up due to increases in executive and legislative offices.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's estimated 11,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $498.94, down $9.06 from the revised January average. Average weekly hours were down 0.8 hours and average hourly earnings were up two cents during the current period. Shorter scheduled work week contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 231,200 during February, up 2,700 from January's revised total. Unemployment at 29,900 during February was down 1,600 during the current period. The February unemployment rate at 11.5 percent was down from last month's revised 12.1 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for February was 14.3 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 261,100 during the current period.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,156 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 291 applicants in jobs during February.

The consumer price index for January, 1987 for all urban consumers was 331.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 327.7 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	51.6	51.7	58.6	- 0.1	- 7.0
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.4	4.7	- 0.2	- 0.5
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.4	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.5	1.3	- 0.2	0
MINING	5.9	5.8	7.7	+ 0.1	- 1.8
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.9	0	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.7	5.7	7.3	0	- 1.6
Water Transportation	3.5	3.5	4.6	0	- 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	12.9	13.3	14.3	- 0.4	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.7	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	10.3	10.6	11.1	- 0.3	- 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.1	8.0	8.8	+ 0.1	- 0.7
GOVERNMENT	11.0	10.7	11.3	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.2	10.8	+ 0.3	- 0.3
State	3.5	3.0	3.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
Local	7.0	7.2	7.7	- 0.2	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in February eased down to 51,600, showing a slight overall decrease of 100 since January. Downturns in some industries were almost offset by upturns in others. Since February of 1986, total employment lost 7,000 workers, displaying a reduction of 11.9 percent. Total nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since February of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in February, down 200 over the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged over the previous month but nondurable goods decreased 200 with the end of the seafood processing season. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 500.

State government reflected an increase in educational services as the spring semester moved further along. Local government sustained the downtrend exhibited since the middle of last year. Services were boosted by a small total increase spread through several industries. Mining showed a minor gain. Less favorably, trade was lowered in both the wholesale and retail trade sectors by downturns that were mainly seasonal in nature. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change. Construction held steady. Transportation remained at the low January level.

Estimated unemployment in February eased down to 15,600, a level 200 below January. A decrease in the number of entrants and reentrants into the labor force was partly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 20.7

percent of the labor force compared to 21.1 percent in January and 13.5 percent in February of last year. The February rate was higher than the state rate of 14.3 percent and very much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 4,138.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall small seasonal gain. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Trade will be favored by shopping for the Easter season. Unemployment is expected to exhibit a small decrease.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	81.8	81.7	95.0	+ 0.1	-13.2
MANUFACTURING	5.6	5.9	6.1	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	2.0	0	- 0.7
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.6	4.1	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.9	1.5	- 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	11.0	10.9	14.7	+ 0.1	- 3.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	4.1	0	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.7	21.9	25.2	- 0.2	- 3.5
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	6.1	0	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	4.0	0	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	16.9	17.1	19.1	- 0.2	- 2.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	3.0	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.8	10.9	- 0.1	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.3	17.4	19.9	- 0.1	- 2.6
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.2	13.4	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.4	12.5	+ 0.5	- 0.6
State	4.9	4.4	5.1	+ 0.5	- 0.2
Local	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 81,800 for February, an increase of 100 above January's revised level but 13,200 below the February 1986 figure. The largest change occurred in the nonmanufacturing segment.

Nonmanufacturing showed an increase of 400 over the January figure, but a decrease of 12,700 from February of last year. Government showed a 500 increase most likely due to students being hired for the spring semester.

Mining employment was estimated at 11,000 for February, an increase of 100 from the January figure but 3,700 lower than the February 1986 figure.

Retail trade fell by 200, continuing its seasonal decline.

The unemployment rate will probably remain close to the current level for the next month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From	
				January 1987	February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.9	56.1	58.1	- 0.2	- 2.2
MANUFACTURING	8.8	8.7	8.8	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.1	8.2	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	4.8	4.8	5.8	0	- 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.7	14.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.8	11.0	11.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.3	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	3.0	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.6	10.5	- 0.1	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.0	9.9	- 0.1	0
State	3.6	3.7	3.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	6.3	6.3	6.4	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Lake Charles MSA for February was estimated at 55,900, a decrease of 200 from the January revised figure and 2,200 below the comparable period a year ago.

Manufacturing showed an increase of 100 from the previous month and was unchanged from the February 1986 figure.

Total nonmanufacturing employment fell by 300 in February and showed a 2,200 drop from February a year ago. Retail trade fell by 200 for the current month and dropped by 2,200 from the comparable period a year ago.

The unemployment rate in the Lake Charles area will probably remain about the same for the next month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.6	53.9	54.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.3	7.4	7.3	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.9	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	14.8	14.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.9	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.5	4.4	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.2	11.1	- 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.9	10.0	10.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.3	9.4	9.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
State	4.9	3.9	3.9	+ 1.0	- 1.0
Local	5.4	5.5	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment rose by 700 to an estimated 54,600 workers during February. The gain was in government and reflected the beginning of the spring semester at educational facilities.

Manufacturing was down minimally, 100, to an estimated 7,300. The slight decline was in nondurable goods. Mining and construction were up 100 each. Services, finance, insurance and real estate, and wholesale and retail trade declined by 100 each. Government was up 900 reflecting the beginning of the spring semester at local educational facilities. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days, employment should slowly move upward as weather conditions become more favorable for outside work. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.8	512.1	525.7	- 2.3	-15.9
MANUFACTURING	42.5	43.9	43.7	- 1.4	- 1.2
Durable Goods	20.5	21.2	21.7	- 0.7	- 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.5	1.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.8	0	- 0.3
Machinery	2.4	2.6	2.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	12.0	12.4	12.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	22.0	22.7	22.0	- 0.7	0
Food & Kindred Products	6.7	7.0	6.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.7	4.1	4.2	- 0.4	- 0.5
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.8	4.8	4.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.5	16.5	18.3	0	- 1.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.6	15.6	17.4	0	- 1.8
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.4	25.8	0	- 2.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.2	42.3	44.6	- 0.1	- 2.4
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.4	11.5	13.1	- 0.1	- 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.5	135.1	137.2	- 0.6	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.2	34.0	- 0.1	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.1	19.0	20.3	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.0	13.2	13.7	- 0.2	- 0.7
Retail Trade	102.4	102.9	103.2	- 0.5	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.1	33.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Banking	7.4	7.4	7.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	132.0	131.8	134.1	+ 0.2	- 2.1
GOVERNMENT	84.7	85.0	88.5	- 0.3	- 3.8
Federal	15.7	15.8	15.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	69.0	69.2	73.2	- 0.2	- 4.2
State	19.6	19.8	20.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
Local	49.4	49.4	52.5	0	- 3.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.65	$439.01	$424.01	41.9	40.8	38.9	$10.66	10.76	$10.90
Durable Goods	388.23	400.30	375.67	39.9	39.4	38.1	9.73	10.16	9.86
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	318.99	288.38	351.12	31.0	29.1	33.6	10.29	9.91	10.45
Fabricated Metal Products	443.49	491.35	329.96	45.3	47.2	36.5	9.79	10.41	9.04
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	380.05	370.74	390.43	38.9	37.6	39.2	9.77	9.86	9.96
Nondurable Goods	501.51	474.89	473.22	43.8	42.1	39.7	11.45	11.28	11.92
Food & Kindred Products	353.74	335.70	334.21	40.8	40.3	37.3	8.67	8.33	8.96
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	196.35	137.75	135.34	35.7	25.7	22.9	5.50	5.36	5.91
Paper & Allied Products	411.24	432.11	433.02	44.7	47.8	45.2	9.20	9.04	9.58
Printing & Publishing	361.89	332.14	395.09	40.3	39.4	40.9	8.98	8.43	9.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	707.25	715.69	718.91	46.9	46.9	43.1	15.08	15.26	16.68

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in February moved down to 509,800, a level 2,300 below January. Decreases were exhibited in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 15,900 workers, with the decrease spread through every industry division except finance, insurance, and real estate. Nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since February of 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,500 in February, down 1,400 from the previous month. In durable goods, stone, clay, glass and concrete products decreased 100; machinery decreased 200; and transportation equipment decreased 400, reflecting less business activity in the area. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products declined 300 with the end of the seafood processing season. Chemicals and allied products fell 400 with the closing of a fertilizer manufacturing plant. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,200.

Retail trade showed decreases in several industries that were mainly seasonal in nature. Wholesale trade displayed a downturn in nondurable goods which was partially offset by an upturn in durable goods. Employment in water transportation tapered off. State government continued the downward trend exhibited in the past two years. Finance was lowered by a slight reduction in employment by credit agencies other than banks. Construction showed no change in the worst season of the year for outside work. Mining held steady. More favorably, services employment rose as private educational services pulled back up as the spring semester moved further along.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $446.65 a week in February, up $7.64 from last month's average. Average weekly hours increased one hour and six minutes from the previous month but average hourly earnings decreased $0.10. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $22.64 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in February decreased to 66,600, a level 3,300 below January. A decrease in the number of persons in the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 11.3 percent of the labor force compared to 11.8 percent in January and 10.2 percent in February of last year. The February rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 14.3 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 16,223. Approximately 41.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 33.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Mining and construction will probably add workers as weather conditions improve. Retail trade will benefit from shopping for the Easter season. Unemployment will likely show a small decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	January 1987**	February 1986**	Net Change From January 1987	Net Change From February 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.3	130.3	135.3	0	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	18.5	18.7	19.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Durable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.7	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.2	6.5	0	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.4	5.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	3.3	3.3	4.6	0	- 1.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.7	6.9	7.5	- 0.2	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.2	8.3	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	30.0	30.2	32.1	- 0.2	- 2.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.6	8.5	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Retail Trade	22.2	22.6	23.6	- 0.4	- 1.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	30.6	30.0	30.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	25.2	25.1	25.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.7	20.6	21.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State	6.2	6.2	6.5	0	- 0.3
Local	14.5	14.4	14.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$445.91	$461.95	$439.90	40.1	40.7	40.1	$11.12	$11.35	$10.97
Lumber and Wood Products	210.60	220.82	228.74	32.6	36.2	39.1	6.46	6.10	5.85
Metals and Machinery	555.32	515.79	421.02	46.2	43.6	40.6	12.02	11.83	10.37
Food and Kindred Products	255.19	315.15	318.24	36.3	40.3	41.6	7.03	7.82	7.65
Printing and Publishing	314.50	299.72	273.83	31.2	29.5	29.7	10.08	10.16	9.22
Petroleum and Coal Products	542.14	544.83	538.87	46.1	47.5	42.7	11.76	11.47	12.62

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport labor market area has a nonagricultural wage and salary employment total of 130,300, unchanged from the revised January estimate, but shows a 5,000 decline since February, 1986. An employment loss of 200 in total manufacturing during the past month has been offset by a 200 employment gain in total nonmanufacturing.

The manufacturing employment total of 18,500 is down from the revised January total of 18,700. This decline occurred in nondurable goods manufacturing, including 100 jobs lost in printing and publishing activities and other nondurable goods employment, which dropped from 2,300 to 2,200.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate of 111,800 is 200 more than the revised January estimate. The most significant increase occurred in services employment, estimated at 30,600, up from 30,000 during the previous month. Local government inched up to 14,500, up 100 from the revised January total. These gains were partially eliminated by job losses in construction, transportation and public utilities, and trade.

This labor area has 13,900 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of $445.91, compared with $461.95 for last month and the year-ago average of $439.90. The average weekly hours of 40.1 are down from 40.7 in January, but remain the same as one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $11.12 are down from $11.35 in January and show a small increase from $10.97 in February, 1986.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport labor area is estimated at 164,400, including 142,200 employed and 22,200 unemployed. The current unemployment rate is 13.5 percent.

The outlook is for some improvements in this area. The opening of the 1987 racing season will give a boost to employment in both services and trade segments of nonmanufacturing. Improved weather conditions will help stimulate construction and other outdoor activities. Total unemployment is expected to level off and possibly start to decline during the second quarter.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1987

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	5,200	4,516	684	113	95	18	77	64	13
Contractural Construction (15-17)	19,232	13,812	5,420	546	435	111	3,246	2,497	749
Manufacturing (20-29)	9,558	5,411	4,147	238	121	117	500	327	173
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	3,623	2,408	1,215	69	37	32	320	187	133
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,261	1,635	626	74	56	18	207	130	77
Retail Trade (52-59)	10,093	6,405	3,688	311	225	86	982	569	413
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,748	1,314	434	51	38	13	309	226	83
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	14,610	8,254	6,356	348	203	145	1,415	762	653
Public Administration (91-97)	2,211	1,122	1,089	64	33	31	177	89	88
All Others	352	222	130	5	5	0	79	46	33
Totals	68,888	45,099	23,789	1,819	1,248	571	7,312	4,897	2,415
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	7,501	6,231	1,270	150	123	27	866	701	165
Clerical and Sales	12,962	9,648	3,314	354	277	77	1,439	1,014	425
Services Occupations	6,371	2,198	4,173	215	83	132	606	207	399
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	1,762	685	1,077	38	17	21	54	16	38
Processing Occupations	2,014	1,010	1,004	25	14	11	148	97	51
Machine Trades	3,716	2,806	910	143	109	34	433	356	77
Benchwork Occupations	2,389	1,318	1,071	50	29	21	99	75	24
Structural Work Occupations	19,732	13,624	6,108	591	450	141	2,951	2,060	891
Miscellaneous Occupations	12,441	7,579	4,862	253	146	107	716	371	345
Totals	68,888	45,099	23,789	1,819	1,248	571	7,312	4,897	2,415

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1987

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	588	529	59	843	739	104	119	106	13
Contractural Construction (15-17)	715	605	110	641	452	189	993	850	143
Manufacturing (20-29)	943	701	242	370	224	146	165	91	74
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	384	361	23	152	121	31	173	91	82
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	182	161	21	206	178	28	75	58	17
Retail Trade (52-59)	425	333	92	722	520	202	366	261	105
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	61	52	9	146	110	36	43	38	5
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	658	518	140	803	577	226	462	303	159
Public Administration (91-97)	145	76	69	79	56	23	50	26	24
All Others	18	16	2	12	7	5	3	1	2
Totals	4,119	3,352	767	3,974	2,984	990	2,449	1,825	624
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	480	445	35	644	598	46	249	214	35
Clerical and Sales	535	475	60	1,069	909	160	446	360	86
Services Occupations	239	133	106	379	173	206	232	107	125
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	156	126	30	68	35	33	56	10	46
Processing Occupations	370	230	140	109	42	67	53	24	29
Machine Trades	205	184	21	248	206	42	96	84	12
Benchwork Occupations	40	31	9	56	36	20	22	20	2
Structural Work Occupations	1,270	1,031	239	711	499	212	881	748	133
Miscellaneous Occupations	824	697	127	690	486	204	414	258	156
Totals	4,119	3,352	767	3,974	2,984	990	2,449	1,825	624

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1987

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	61	58	3	509	396	113	274	254	20
Contractural Construction (15-17)	674	543	131	4,012	2,526	1,486	1,125	721	404
Manufacturing (20-29)	184	122	62	1,877	1,091	786	1,227	687	540
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	56	35	21	1,277	674	603	176	126	50
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	29	20	9	618	384	234	241	177	64
Retail Trade (52-59)	652	422	230	2,812	1,483	1,329	849	464	385
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	47	38	9	599	404	195	186	142	44
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	328	200	128	4,557	2,430	2,127	1,349	696	653
Public Administration (91-97)	52	26	26	601	226	375	194	93	101
All Others	6	0	6	123	66	57	9	5	4
Totals	2,089	1,464	625	16,985	9,680	7,305	5,630	3,365	2,265
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	275	233	42	2,446	1,858	588	552	452	100
Clerical and Sales	582	432	150	3,760	2,342	1,418	1,186	905	281
Services Occupations	178	61	117	2,178	573	1,605	706	152	554
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	18	7	11	180	91	89	78	27	51
Processing Occupations	20	14	6	403	188	215	77	37	40
Machine Trades	153	106	47	844	597	247	316	195	121
Benchwork Occupations	30	23	7	293	134	159	801	445	356
Structural Work Occupations	489	392	97	3,850	2,334	1,516	1,102	718	384
Miscellaneous Occupations	344	196	148	3,031	1,563	1,468	812	434	378
Totals	2,089	1,464	625	16,985	9,680	7,305	5,630	3,365	2,265

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BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	February 1987*	Jan. 1987**	February 1986**	Jan. 1987	February 1986
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.9	0	- 0.7

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED FEBRUARY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MARCH 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,936.1	1,675.3	260.8	13.5	1,948.7	1,667.8	280.9	14.4	1,987.4	1,744.0	243.4	12.2
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.7	54.0	6.7	11.0	60.8	53.6	7.2	11.8	59.8	53.7	6.1	10.3
Baton Rouge 2/	260.8	233.1	27.7	10.6	261.7	231.3	30.4	11.6	263.3	235.3	28.0	10.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.2	59.4	14.8	19.9	75.1	59.3	15.8	21.1	78.3	67.0	11.3	14.4
Lafayette 4/	101.2	86.2	15.0	14.8	101.9	85.7	16.2	15.9	110.8	98.6	12.2	11.0
Lake Charles 5/	72.1	62.2	9.9	13.7	72.9	62.1	10.8	14.8	76.4	65.7	10.7	14.0
Monroe 6/	69.1	61.5	7.6	11.1	69.2	61.0	8.2	11.8	69.7	62.7	7.0	10.1
New Orleans 7/	589.9	526.3	63.6	10.8	594.1	526.1	68.0	11.4	609.3	547.7	61.6	10.1
Shreveport 8/	164.7	143.4	21.3	12.9	165.4	143.0	22.4	13.6	169.4	149.5	19.9	11.7

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during March totaled 1,485,200, a decrease of 300 from the February revised level of 1,485,500 and a decrease of 62,100 from the March 1986 figure. A decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing payrolls was responsible for the downturn in total nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of nonmanufacturing was up by 400 from last month's level. Primary metal industries, fabricated metal products, machinery, except electrical, and transportation equipment each showed a gain of 100 over last month's employment level.

Nondurable goods employment, at 91,600 for March, was 300 lower than last month and 700 below the March 1986 figure. A decrease in the canning of seafood primarily accounted for the drop in the food and kindred products industry. Less activity in the paper mills segment of manufacturing was largely responsible for the downturn in paper and allied products payrolls.

Nonmanufacturing employment for March, at 1,322,200, was down by 400 from the February revised level and 58,400 below the year-ago figure. Mining employment was higher as a result of an upturn in the exploration for oil and gas. An increase in activity for general building contractors and in certain special trade segments accounted for the increase in construction employment. Transportation and public utilities employment was unchanged for this month. Decreases throughout retail trade accounted for the fall in total trade payrolls. Finance, insurance and real estate edged upward this month. Hotel and other lodging places, personal services, and business services were among the segments contributing to the growth in total services employment. Government employment in March was down due in large part to a decrease in local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 116,900 production workers in manufacturing increased from $454.26 in February to $455.94 in March, an increase of $1.68 and an increase of $11.42 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were four cents higher in March than last month and $0.17 more than March of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 for both the current month and the previous month.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for March totaled 260,800, a decrease of 20,100 from the February level of 280,900. The unemployment rate for March was 13.5 percent compared to 14.4 percent last month and 12.2 percent in March of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for March was 6.9 percent compared to 7.2 percent in February and 7.5 percent in March a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force went from 1,948,700 in February to 1,936,100 in March, a decrease of 12,600. Total employment for Louisiana, at 1,675,300, was 7,500 higher than last month.

Louisiana's unemployment rate may fall slightly in the next month or two. Better weather should result in increased employment for the construction industry. Manufacturing employment in Louisiana could edge up slightly in the upcoming months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change from February 1987	Net Change from March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,485.2	1,485.5	1,547.3	- 0.3	-62.1
MINING	58.0	57.9	69.8	+ 0.1	-11.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.3	55.2	66.8	+ 0.1	-11.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	82.7	82.3	94.2	+ 0.4	-11.5
MANUFACTURING	163.0	162.9	166.7	+ 0.1	- 3.7
Durable Goods	71.4	71.0	74.4	+ 0.4	- 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	11.8	11.8	12.3	0	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.8	6.3	0	- 0.5
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	11.8	13.3	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.4	8.3	9.2	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.5	7.5	7.8	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	20.0	19.9	20.0	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	91.6	91.9	92.3	- 0.3	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	20.0	20.2	19.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.0	7.9	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	11.7	11.9	11.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.0	25.0	26.6	0	- 1.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.2	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.6	4.0	0	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.2	105.2	111.6	0	- 6.4
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.6	64.5	0	- 5.9
Water Transportation	23.2	23.1	27.7	+ 0.1	- 4.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.2	41.2	41.3	0	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.5	19.5	0	- 1.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.7	22.7	21.8	0	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	354.8	356.9	373.4	- 2.1	-18.6
Wholesale Trade	80.2	80.1	87.6	+ 0.1	- 7.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	44.1	44.3	50.8	- 0.2	- 6.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	35.8	36.8	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Retail Trade	274.6	276.8	285.8	- 2.2	-11.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	56.1	56.6	58.7	- 0.5	- 2.6
Food Stores	56.6	57.3	54.2	- 0.7	+ 2.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.0	29.2	31.5	- 0.2	- 2.5
Eating & Drinking Places	81.3	81.9	87.4	- 0.6	- 6.1
Other Retail Trade	51.6	51.8	54.0	- 0.2	- 2.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change from February 1987	Net Change from March 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.2	85.1	85.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	25.9	26.0	27.1	- 0.1	- 1.2
SERVICES	316.4	314.8	320.7	+ 1.6	- 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.5	22.9	23.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
Personal Services	14.8	14.6	15.5	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Business Services	54.1	53.9	57.9	+ 0.2	- 3.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.6	9.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	6.9	0	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.4	8.5	8.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	96.8	96.7	94.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Legal Services	14.7	14.6	14.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	21.8	21.7	23.1	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Social Services	18.8	18.7	18.8	+ 0.1	0
Membership Organizations	25.4	25.3	25.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	16.1	16.1	17.0	0	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	319.9	320.4	325.3	- 0.5	- 5.4
Federal	36.3	36.2	35.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
State and Local	283.6	284.2	289.6	- 0.6	- 6.0
State	101.2	101.4	103.5	- 0.2	- 2.3
Local	182.4	182.8	186.1	- 0.4	- 3.7

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$455.94	$454.26	$444.52	42.1	42.1	41.7	$10.83	$10.79	$10.66
Durable Goods	400.57	402.68	401.29	41.0	41.3	41.2	9.77	9.75	9.74
Lumber & Wood Products	347.76	347.76	334.74	43.2	43.2	42.0	8.05	8.05	7.97
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	373.28	361.23	368.78	39.5	38.8	39.4	9.45	9.31	9.36
Fabricated Metal Products	423.80	425.57	415.95	44.1	44.1	42.1	9.61	9.65	9.88
Machinery, ex. Electrical	408.90	399.90	394.01	43.5	43.0	41.0	9.40	9.30	9.61
Electric & Electronic Equip.	466.12	490.73	488.36	37.2	39.8	42.1	12.53	12.33	11.60
Transportation Equipment	416.19	421.50	455.92	38.5	39.1	41.0	10.81	10.78	11.12
Nondurable Goods	505.13	499.05	483.73	43.1	42.8	42.1	11.72	11.66	11.49
Food & Kindred Products	312.00	309.66	308.50	39.0	39.0	39.4	8.00	7.94	7.83
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.40	208.29	193.86	39.4	39.3	35.9	5.34	5.30	5.40
Paper & Allied Products	556.71	559.85	585.64	42.4	42.9	44.4	13.13	13.05	13.19
Printing & Publishing	405.20	382.76	398.09	40.0	38.2	38.8	10.13	10.02	10.26
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	708.39	696.76	653.26	46.3	45.9	44.5	15.30	15.18	14.68
Petroleum & Coal Products	726.19	709.48	671.60	49.1	48.1	46.0	14.79	14.75	14.60
Petroleum Refining	739.04	730.54	686.09	49.5	48.8	46.8	14.93	14.97	14.66
MINING	584.42	589.00	522.76	48.1	48.2	45.3	12.15	12.22	11.54
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	514.00	505.53	521.37	40.0	39.9	40.7	12.85	12.67	12.81
BANKING	255.19	257.52	269.18	39.2	38.9	40.6	6.51	6.62	6.63

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 116,900 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,700 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 03 87				REVISED 02 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,725	19,300	4,425	18.6	23,850	19,300	4,550	19.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,225	7,775	1,450	15.8	9,175	7,600	1,575	17.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	7,675	5,325	2,350	30.7	8,200	5,400	2,800	34.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,650	13,050	3,600	21.6	16,725	12,950	3,775	22.5
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,575	11,800	1,775	13.0	13,625	11,700	1,925	14.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,675	975	14.8	6,675	5,625	1,050	15.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,525	3,700	825	18.4	4,525	3,625	900	20.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,350	3,750	600	13.9	4,375	3,750	625	14.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,950	3,675	1,275	25.8	4,900	3,575	1,325	27.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,525	6,600	925	12.4	7,500	6,500	1,000	13.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,375	8,275	2,100	20.3	10,275	8,025	2,250	21.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,100	11,075	2,025	15.4	13,200	11,050	2,150	16.3
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,400	3,275	1,125	25.7	4,300	3,125	1,175	27.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,625	7,550	1,075	12.4	8,625	7,450	1,175	13.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,725	11,225	2,500	18.3	13,825	11,125	2,700	19.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,600	6,700	1,900	22.1	8,625	6,625	2,000	23.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,650	5,550	1,100	16.5	6,700	5,525	1,175	17.6
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,800	22,550	6,250	21.7	29,450	22,650	6,800	23.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,200	10,025	2,175	17.8	12,350	9,975	2,375	19.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,125	6,400	725	10.2	7,125	6,375	750	10.5
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,950	10,750	2,200	17.1	13,175	10,550	2,625	20.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,650	5,650	1,000	15.1	6,675	5,600	1,075	16.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,875	16,750	1,125	6.3	17,875	16,650	1,225	6.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,925	4,825	1,100	18.7	6,000	4,750	1,250	20.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,375	10,175	2,200	17.8	12,325	9,950	2,375	19.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,400	15,200	2,200	12.6	17,500	15,075	2,425	13.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,575	8,150	1,425	14.8	9,425	8,050	1,375	14.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,975	6,400	1,575	19.9	8,300	6,350	1,950	23.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,300	3,725	575	13.4	4,325	3,700	625	14.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,750	7,100	1,650	19.0	8,700	6,925	1,775	20.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,975	8,700	1,275	12.8	10,025	8,625	1,400	14.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,975	2,475	500	16.8	3,050	2,500	550	18.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,575	7,000	1,575	18.4	8,575	6,950	1,625	19.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	35,025	27,800	7,225	20.6	35,400	27,775	7,625	21.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	27,125	20,200	6,925	25.5	27,875	20,250	7,625	27.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,300	33,475	5,825	14.8	39,300	33,075	6,225	15.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	2,925	575	16.6	3,525	2,850	675	18.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,325	7,025	1,300	15.5	8,300	6,950	1,350	16.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,200	16,550	4,650	22.0	21,450	16,400	5,050	23.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,500	16,750	1,750	9.5	18,600	16,725	1,875	10.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,400	15,875	2,525	13.8	18,400	15,725	2,675	14.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,200	16,100	3,100	16.2	19,475	16,100	3,375	17.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	5,225	3,700	1,525	29.4	5,400	3,650	1,750	32.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,650	500	12.3	4,225	3,650	575	13.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,700	4,975	725	12.9	5,675	4,925	750	13.3

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	February 1987	March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.5	44.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.7	10.2	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.6	8.6	8.1	0	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.1	10.6	0	+ 0.5
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	13.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.4	0	- 0.4
State	4.8	4.8	5.2	0	- 0.4
Local	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,600 during March. This estimate was 100 more than February and 800 more than March of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during March totaled 3,500. This is unchanged since last month and 300 more than March of last year. The increase since last year was in lumber and wood products and in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during March. This was 100 more than February and 500 more than last March. Since last month, the only change was an increase in federal government. Compared to March of last year, gains were in retail trade and services; reductions were in construction and state government.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should decline slightly, with the number of employed showing a slight increase.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.3	212.1	214.9	+ 1.2	- 1.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.5	19.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Durable Goods	4.1	3.9	4.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.6	14.6	15.1	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.9	0	- 0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	0.8	0	+ 0.3
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	20.3	19.8	20.7	+ 0.5	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.1	51.9	52.1	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	11.2	11.1	11.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.4	7.4	8.0	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	40.9	40.8	40.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.4	13.7	0	- 0.3
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.4	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	41.7	41.3	41.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	55.6	55.7	56.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.4	53.5	53.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
State	32.1	32.2	32.1	- 0.1	0
Local	21.3	21.3	21.8	0	- 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**
1 MANUFACTURING (1)	$512.95	$497.32	$528.20	41.4	40.4	42.7	$12.39	$12.31	$12.37
Petro-Chemicals	692.56	663.78	703.17	46.7	46.0	47.9	14.83	14.43	14.68

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,300 during March was up 1,200 from the revised February estimate. Manufacturing was up 200 and nonmanufacturing was up 1,000.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in March, was up during the current period. Durable goods was up due to more business in metal cans and shipping containers, in fabricated structural metal products, in blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling and finishing mills, in general industrial machinery and equipment, and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Nondurable goods showed no change.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, and in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Wholesale trade was up due to more business in groceries and related products, in petroleum and petroleum products, and in beer, wine and distilled alcoholic beverages. Retail trade was up due to seasonal increases in motor vehicle dealers (new and used) and in gasoline service stations. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change. Services rose due to seasonal increases in miscellaneous business services, in hospitals, in medical and dental laboratories, in job training and vocational rehabilitation services, and in museums and art galleries. Federal government was unchanged from last month. State government was down due to staff reductions. Local government showed no change.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in manufacturing was $512.95, up $15.63 from the revised February average. Average weekly hours were up 1.0 hour and average hourly earnings were up eight cents during the current period. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 233,100 during March, up 1,800 from February's revised total. Unemployment, at 27,700 during March, was down 2,700 during the current period. The March unemployment rate, at 10.6 percent, was down from last month's revised 11.6 percent. The statewide unemployment rate for March was 13.5 percent, and the national rate was 6.9 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,800 during the current period.

Seasonal increases should continue improving employment during the coming months.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,130 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 219 applicants in jobs during March.

The consumer price index for February, 1987 for all urban consumers was 334.4 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 329.0 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	51.5	51.4	58.1	+ 0.1	- 6.6
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.3	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.4	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	5.8	5.8	7.4	0	- 1.6
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.9	0	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.7	5.7	7.0	0	- 1.3
Water Transportation	3.5	3.5	4.3	0	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.0	14.5	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	3.2	0	- 0.6
Retail Trade	10.7	10.4	11.3	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.2	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	8.1	8.1	8.8	0	- 0.7
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.7	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.2	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.6
State	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.7	0	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in March edged up to 51,500, showing a small overall increase of 100 since February. Since March of 1986, total employment lost 6,600 workers, exhibiting a reduction of 11.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since February of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in March, down 100 over the previous month. Durable goods were unchanged over the previous month. The decrease of 100 in total manufacturing was due to small decreases occurring in many nondurable goods industries. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing is down 400.

Retail trade showed a gain mostly in employment by eating and drinking places and food stores. Less favorably, employment in state government fell due to decreases in state education. Services displayed no significant change. Mining held steady. Construction continued to stand on a total level lower than any from 1975 through 1986. Transportation and public utilities remained at the level of the previous month. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no important change in any segment.

Estimated unemployment in March moved down to 14,800, a level 1,000 below February. A decrease in the size of the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 19.9 percent of the labor force compared to 21.1 percent in February and 14.4 percent in March of last year. The March rate was higher than the state rate of 13.5 percent and much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 4,040.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small seasonal gain. Much will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Unemployment will probably move up with the early summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	February 1987	March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.5	82.4	94.3	+ 0.1	-11.8
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	6.2	0	- 0.5
Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	2.0	0	- 0.7
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.2	11.1	13.9	+ 0.1	- 2.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	4.1	0	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.7	21.7	24.8	0	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	5.9	0	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.9	0	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	18.9	0	- 2.0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.8	0	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.8	0	- 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.5	17.4	20.4	+ 0.1	- 2.9
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.0	13.5	0	- 0.5
Federal	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	12.2	12.2	12.5	0	- 0.3
State	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.4	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette area during March 1987 stood at 82,500, an increase of 100 from the previous month, but reflected a decrease of 11,800 from the same period last year.

Manufacturing showed no change from February 1987, however, a decrease of 500 from March 1986 was noted.

Wholesale and retail trade was unchanged from last month. A reduction of 3,100 from March of last year occurred.

Services employment showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but fell by 2,900 from last year's March estimate.

Total employment may show a slight increase during the next month, but the number of unemployed will probably show no change.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.7	55.9	58.5	- 0.2	- 2.8
MANUFACTURING	8.7	8.7	8.8	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.6	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	4.7	5.8	0	- 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.6	3.7	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	14.3	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.4	0	- 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	2.9	3.5	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.7	10.9	0	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 0.1
State	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.3	6.3	6.5	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles area was estimated at 55,700 for the month of March 1987, a decrease of 200 from the previous month and 2,800 below March 1986.

Construction showed no change from the previous month, but there was a substantial decrease of 1,100 from March of last year.

Wholesale and retail trade showed an overall decrease of 100 from last month, and fell by 800 from March 1986.

Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change from last month, but there was an increase of 100 from March of last year.

The unemployment rate will likely remain high due to the continuing slowdown in mining. Employment levels will probably show little change for next month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.2	54.6	55.5	- 0.4	- 1.3
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	3.0	3.4	- 0.2	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.7	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	10.9	11.2	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.8	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.3	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.3	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.8	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.2	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.7	4.8	4.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe area was estimated at 54,200, 400 below the February estimate.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month.

Construction, estimated at 2,800, experienced the largest loss, 200. Government, services, and wholesale and retail trade each declined by 100. The only gain, 100, was in finance, insurance and real estate. All other segments were unchanged.

The Easter Holiday should boost wholesale and retail trade over the next 30 days. Construction is dependent on weather conditions, but should begin to inch upward. Unemployment is expected to remain high until the present economic conditions improve.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.8	511.1	527.0	- 1.3	-17.2
MANUFACTURING	42.6	42.7	43.6	- 0.1	- 1.0
Durable Goods	20.6	20.7	21.7	- 0.1	- 1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.8	0	- 0.4
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.2	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.8	7.9	7.8	- 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	22.0	22.0	21.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.6	6.6	6.5	0	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.6	16.6	17.9	0	- 1.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.7	15.7	17.0	0	- 1.3
CONSTRUCTION	22.9	23.3	26.6	- 0.4	- 3.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.8	42.4	44.7	- 0.6	- 2.9
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.2	11.6	13.3	- 0.4	- 2.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.6	134.0	138.4	- 1.4	- 5.8
Wholesale Trade	31.6	31.8	34.0	- 0.2	- 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.5	18.7	20.2	- 0.2	- 1.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.1	13.1	13.8	0	- 0.7
Retail Trade	101.0	102.2	104.4	- 1.2	- 3.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.1	33.4	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Banking	7.3	7.4	7.3	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	134.4	133.2	133.8	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	84.9	84.8	88.6	+ 0.1	- 3.7
Federal	15.7	15.8	15.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	69.2	69.0	73.3	+ 0.2	- 4.1
State	19.5	19.6	20.6	- 0.1	- 1.1
Local	49.7	49.4	52.7	+ 0.3	- 3.0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$437.54	$441.98	$427.87	41.2	41.5	40.1	$10.62	$10.65	$10.67
Durable Goods	390.85	386.90	395.41	39.6	39.2	39.7	9.87	9.87	9.96
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	328.00	318.99	348.41	32.0	31.0	32.9	10.25	10.29	10.59
Fabricated Metal Products	468.17	444.53	424.28	47.1	43.2	42.9	9.94	10.29	9.89
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	369.95	379.66	390.45	38.1	38.9	39.4	9.71	9.76	9.91
Nondurable Goods	481.23	494.68	462.03	42.7	43.7	40.6	11.27	11.32	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	347.60	353.33	333.21	39.5	40.8	38.3	8.80	8.66	8.70
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	184.26	201.29	161.40	34.7	36.4	26.9	5.31	5.53	6.00
Paper & Allied Products	408.71	400.45	458.72	43.9	44.2	48.8	9.31	9.06	9.40
Printing & Publishing	382.82	360.28	396.73	42.3	40.3	40.9	9.05	8.94	9.70
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	729.45	707.25	668.05	46.7	46.9	43.1	15.62	15.08	15.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in March moved down to 509,800, a level 1,300 below February. Every industry division except government and services showed a decrease. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 17,200 workers, with every industry division except services exhibiting a reduction in employment. Nonagricultural employment now stands at the lowest level since February of 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,600 in March, down 100 from the previous month. In durable goods, transportation equipment showed a decrease of 100 in ship and boatbuilding and repair due to a layoff of workers at a local shipyard. However, all the segments in nondurable goods were unchanged over the month. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is down 1,000.

Retail trade displayed a sizable decrease spread through every segment. Wholesale trade moved down in the durable goods sector. Water transportation effected layoffs from an already reduced level of employment. Construction was lowered to a level below any recorded since the early 1970's. Finance reflected a small decrease in employment by banking. More favorably, services exhibited a sizable overall increase. Private health services sustained substantial long-range growth, providing the area economy one of its few bright spots. The hotel-motel industry added workers. Business services pushed up, although remaining at a level lower than that of March of last year. Government edged up as local government showed a small gain mostly seasonal in nature. Mining held steady.

Production workers in the area earned an average $437.54 a week in March, up $4.44 from last month's average. Average weekly hours decreased 18 minutes from the previous month and average hourly earnings decreased three cents. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up by $9.67 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in March moved down to 63,600, a level 4,400 below February. A decrease in the size of the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 10.8 percent of the labor force compared to 11.4 percent in February and 10.1 percent in March of last year. The March rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 13.5 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 6.9 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 16,069.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Services will reflect the end of the racing season. Private and public educational services will begin preparations for the summer season. More favorably, mining and construction will probably add at least a small number of workers as weather conditions improve. Unemployment will likely move up with the early summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1987*	February 1987**	March 1986**	Net Change From February 1987	Net Change From March 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.7	130.6	135.8	+ 0.1	- 5.1
MANUFACTURING	18.6	18.5	19.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.6	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.2	6.6	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.8	0.9	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.3	3.3	4.3	0	- 1.0
CONSTRUCTION	7.3	7.0	7.9	+ 0.3	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.3	8.4	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.7	29.9	32.4	- 0.2	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	7.7	7.7	8.5	0	- 0.8
Retail Trade	22.0	22.2	23.9	- 0.2	- 1.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.9	8.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
SERVICES	30.4	30.3	30.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.4	25.5	0	- 0.1
Federal	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	20.8	20.9	21.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	6.3	6.3	6.5	0	- 0.2
Local	14.5	14.6	14.6	- 0.1	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**	March '87*	February '87**	March '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$456.23	$466.34	$468.54	39.5	40.8	41.1	$11.55	$11.43	$11.40
Lumber and Wood Products	240.38	210.60	257.45	37.5	32.6	40.8	6.41	6.46	6.31
Metals and Machinery	492.00	539.02	434.11	41.0	44.4	40.8	12.00	12.14	10.64
Food and Kindred Products	345.68	351.96	310.02	41.9	42.1	40.9	8.25	8.36	7.58
Printing and Publishing	345.43	314.50	290.78	34.1	31.2	31.2	10.13	10.08	9.32
Petroleum and Coal Products	658.93	542.14	625.00	50.3	46.1	48.6	13.10	11.76	12.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total for the Shreveport area, estimated at 130,700, is nearly unchanged from the revised February estimate of 130,600. The current estimate is 5,100 less than the March, 1986 total.

An employment estimate of 18,600 in total manufacturing is 100 more than the revised February figure, but 400 less than March, 1986. The reduced demand for durable goods has caused the loss of 300 jobs during the past year. Nondurable goods employment, during the same period, shows a slight decline from 5,400 to 5,300.

Nonmanufacturing employment, while unchanged from the revised February estimate of 112,100, is 4,700 less than the year-ago figure. During the past month construction employment increased 300, up from 7,000 in February, but remains below the year-ago estimate of 7,900. Services employment shows a slight gain from 30,300 in February to 30,400 in March. The employment gains in the construction and services segments were eliminated by job losses in trade and in finance, insurance and real estate.

The Shreveport labor area has 14,000 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $456.23, down from $466.34 in February and $468.50 in March, 1986. Average weekly hours dropped to 39.5, down from 40.8 last month, and 41.1 one year ago. Average hourly earnings increased to $11.55, an increase from $11.43 last month, and $11.40 for March, 1986.

The current civilian labor force for the Shreveport labor area is estimated at 164,700, comprised of 143,400 employed and 21,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate is 12.9 percent, compared to 13.5 percent for the state and a national rate of 6.9 percent.

Only slight changes are expected during the next month in this labor area. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment will remain near the current level, while total unemployment is expected to show a slight decline.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1987				REVISED MARCH 1987				REVISED APRIL 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1922.3	1692.3	230.0	12.0	1938.4	1675.8	262.6	13.5	1989.8	1736.7	253.1	12.7
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.4	54.5	5.9	9.8	60.7	54.0	6.7	11.0	60.0	53.9	6.1	10.2
Baton Rouge 2/	259.1	234.6	24.5	9.5	260.9	232.9	28.0	10.7	263.1	234.9	28.2	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.0	60.2	12.8	17.5	74.2	59.4	14.8	20.0	77.4	65.0	12.4	16.1
Lafayette 4/	100.2	87.0	13.2	13.2	101.1	86.0	15.1	14.9	109.4	95.4	14.0	12.8
Lake Charles 5/	74.1	64.7	9.4	12.7	73.8	63.8	10.0	13.5	76.1	65.1	11.0	14.5
Monroe 6/	68.4	61.7	6.7	9.8	68.5	60.9	7.6	11.2	69.7	62.9	6.8	9.7
New Orleans 7/	587.6	529.6	58.0	9.9	590.4	526.2	64.2	10.9	609.3	545.3	64.0	10.5
Shreveport 8/	161.3	143.4	17.9	11.1	164.3	142.9	21.4	13.0	168.8	149.2	19.6	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the state during April amounted to 1,489,600, an increase of 1,900 workers from the March level and 44,200 below the comparable period a year ago. Most of the increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the transportation and public utilities and trade segments. Manufacturing employment was also up for the current month as both the durable and nondurable goods segments experienced increases.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 165,500 for April, was 1,100 higher than the March revised figure but 500 lower than the April 1986 figure. Lumber and wood products employment was up for the current month due largely to increased activity in logging camps and logging contractors. More demand for concrete, gypsum, and plaster products largely accounted for the increase in stone, clay, and glass products. An increase in the transportation equipment industry was centered mainly in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Total nondurable goods employment for April was estimated at 91,800, an increase of 100 from the March revised figure and 600 lower than April a year ago. Apparel and other textile products, paper and allied products, and chemical and allied products employment each increased by 100, while food and kindred products and other nondurable goods employment both fell by 100 for the current month.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during April was estimated at 1,324,100, an increase of 800 from the March revised figure of 1,323,300. A decrease in the production of crude petroleum and natural gas was responsible for the lower employment level in mining this month. An increase in activity for general building contractors and in certain special trade segments accounted for the increase in construction employment. Transportation and public utilities employment was higher as a result of an increase in transportation, excluding railroads, payrolls. Trade employment moved up due mostly to more business in the general merchandise, apparel and accessory stores segments of retail trade. Banking was among the many segments of finance, insurance and real estate that lost employment in April. Total services employment held steady for April. Government payrolls were down in April due to decreases in the state government, except education, segment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 119,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $456.60 in March to $449.45 in April, a decrease of $7.15 but an increase $14.85 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings was one cent higher in April than last month and $0.23 more than April of last year. Weekly hours averaged 41.5 for the current month, a decrease of 0.7 hours from last month's average of 42.2 hours.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for April amounted to 230,000, a decrease of 32,600 from the March level of 262,600. The unemployment rate for April was 12.0 percent compared to 13.5 percent for March and 12.7 percent for April a year ago. The comparable national unemployment rate for April was 6.2 percent compared to 6.9 percent in March and 7.0 percent in April 1986. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,938,400 in March to 1,922,300 in April, a decrease of 16,100. Total employment for Louisiana moved from 1,675,800 in March to 1,692,300 in April, an increase of 16,500 for the month.

The unemployment rate may fall slightly during the next month. The construction industry may benefit from better weather conditions. Manufacturing could also increase during the next few months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	March 1987	April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,489.6	1,487.7	1,533.8	+ 1.9	-44.2
MINING	58.1	58.2	65.0	- 0.1	- 6.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.4	55.5	62.0	- 0.1	- 6.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	83.6	83.5	92.0	+ 0.1	- 8.4
MANUFACTURING	165.5	164.4	166.0	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	73.7	72.7	73.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.8	12.5	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.0	5.8	6.4	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	2.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.0	11.9	12.8	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.5	8.4	8.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.5	7.5	7.8	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	21.6	21.1	19.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	91.8	91.7	92.4	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	19.9	20.0	20.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.0	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	11.8	11.7	11.8	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.1	26.1	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.4	104.9	108.1	+ 0.5	- 2.7
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 0.4
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.8	58.4	61.3	+ 0.4	- 2.5
Water Transportation	23.3	23.1	25.2	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.2	41.1	41.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.5	19.1	0	- 0.6
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.7	22.6	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	355.1	354.4	370.8	+ 0.7	-15.7
Wholesale Trade	79.9	80.0	86.7	- 0.1	- 6.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.9	43.9	50.1	0	- 6.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.0	36.1	36.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	275.2	274.4	284.1	+ 0.8	- 8.9
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.3	56.3	58.3	+ 1.0	- 1.0
Food Stores	56.7	56.5	55.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.2	29.1	31.6	+ 0.1	- 2.4
Eating & Drinking Places	80.9	80.8	85.6	+ 0.1	- 4.7
Other Retail Trade	51.1	51.7	53.5	- 0.6	- 2.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change from March 1987	Net Change from April 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.0	85.3	85.6	- 0.3	- 0.6
Banking	25.8	25.9	27.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
SERVICES	317.1	317.1	319.6	0	- 2.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.7	23.5	23.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Personal Services	14.9	14.9	15.0	0	- 0.1
Business Services	54.1	54.8	56.6	- 0.7	- 2.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.4	9.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.2	8.5	9.1	- 0.3	- 0.9
Health Services	96.8	96.7	95.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Legal Services	14.6	14.7	14.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	21.6	21.5	22.5	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Social Services	18.9	18.8	19.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.4	25.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.5	16.3	16.9	+ 0.2	- 0.4
GOVERNMENT	319.8	319.9	326.7	- 0.1	- 6.9
Federal	36.3	36.3	35.8	0	+ 0.5
State and Local	283.5	283.6	290.9	- 0.1	- 7.4
State	101.1	101.2	105.2	- 0.1	- 4.1
Local	182.4	182.4	185.7	0	- 3.3

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$449.45	$456.60	$434.60	41.5	42.2	41.0	$10.83	$10.82	$10.60
Durable Goods	393.16	400.73	389.64	40.7	41.1	40.8	9.66	9.75	9.55
Lumber & Wood Products	347.76	347.33	338.40	42.0	43.2	42.3	8.28	8.04	8.00
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	359.91	370.51	353.50	43.0	39.5	40.4	8.37	9.38	8.75
Fabricated Metal Products	446.02	430.91	390.83	46.9	44.7	40.5	9.51	9.64	9.65
Machinery, ex. Electrical	398.04	409.40	394.28	42.3	43.6	41.2	9.41	9.39	9.57
Electric & Electronic Equip.	408.86	466.12	480.90	34.3	37.2	41.6	11.92	12.53	11.56
Transportation Equipment	412.30	416.19	429.76	38.0	38.5	39.5	10.85	10.81	10.88
Nondurable Goods	500.49	505.87	475.78	42.2	43.2	41.3	11.86	11.71	11.52
Food & Kindred Products	304.13	314.01	306.12	38.4	39.3	38.7	7.92	7.99	7.91
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	192.70	211.60	182.58	35.1	39.7	34.0	5.49	5.33	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	566.49	551.88	574.20	41.9	42.0	44.0	13.52	13.14	13.05
Printing & Publishing	394.21	402.78	379.71	38.8	39.8	37.3	10.16	10.12	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	713.17	704.09	648.56	46.4	46.2	44.0	15.37	15.24	14.74
Petroleum & Coal Products	690.58	729.14	667.83	47.3	49.2	45.4	14.60	14.82	14.71
Petroleum Refining	704.96	745.00	679.88	47.6	49.7	46.0	14.81	14.99	14.78
MINING	591.20	596.09	530.46	48.9	48.7	45.3	12.09	12.24	11.71
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	499.99	510.40	512.89	39.4	40.0	40.9	12.69	12.76	12.54
BANKING	256.99	254.54	269.58	38.3	39.1	38.9	6.71	6.51	6.93

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 119,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 90,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 04 87				REVISED 03 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,350	19,700	3,650	15.6	23,725	19,300	4,425	18.6
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,375	8,075	1,300	13.8	9,350	7,875	1,475	15.7
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	7,225	5,350	1,875	25.9	7,700	5,325	2,375	30.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	13,250	3,075	18.8	16,625	13,050	3,575	21.6
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,625	12,075	1,550	11.4	13,725	11,925	1,800	13.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,675	5,750	925	13.9	6,675	5,675	1,000	14.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,500	3,775	725	16.0	4,550	3,700	850	18.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,500	4,000	500	11.2	4,350	3,750	600	14.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,700	3,725	975	20.8	4,950	3,675	1,275	25.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,625	6,750	875	11.3	7,550	6,600	950	12.5
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,150	8,475	1,675	16.4	10,375	8,275	2,100	20.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,875	11,225	1,650	12.9	13,125	11,075	2,050	15.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,425	3,425	1,000	22.7	4,425	3,275	1,150	25.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,550	7,600	950	11.0	8,625	7,550	1,075	12.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,650	11,475	2,175	15.9	13,725	11,225	2,500	18.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,500	7,000	1,500	17.6	8,625	6,725	1,900	22.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,550	5,625	925	14.0	6,700	5,600	1,100	16.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,650	22,350	5,300	19.2	28,825	22,550	6,275	21.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,050	10,150	1,900	15.8	12,225	10,025	2,200	17.9
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,175	6,500	675	9.4	7,125	6,400	725	10.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,950	10,975	1,975	15.2	12,975	10,750	2,225	17.1
JENA (LASALLE)	6,650	5,775	875	13.1	6,675	5,675	1,000	15.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,025	17,075	950	5.2	17,875	16,750	1,125	6.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,875	4,925	950	16.3	5,950	4,825	1,125	18.8
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,225	10,425	1,800	14.7	12,375	10,175	2,200	17.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,300	15,325	1,975	11.4	17,400	15,200	2,200	12.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,575	8,200	1,375	14.3	9,575	8,150	1,425	15.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,775	6,425	1,350	17.4	8,000	6,400	1,600	20.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,825	3,850	975	20.4	4,300	3,725	575	13.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,625	7,275	1,350	15.7	8,750	7,100	1,650	19.0
MANY (SABINE)	9,875	8,825	1,050	10.8	9,975	8,700	1,275	12.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,975	2,550	425	14.3	2,975	2,475	500	16.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,375	7,050	1,325	15.8	8,600	7,000	1,600	18.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,400	28,100	6,300	18.3	35,050	27,800	7,250	20.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	26,450	20,450	6,000	22.7	27,150	20,225	6,925	25.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,200	33,900	5,300	13.5	39,350	33,475	5,875	14.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,425	3,025	400	11.7	3,500	2,925	575	16.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,300	7,175	1,125	13.4	8,325	7,025	1,300	15.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,100	17,075	4,025	19.1	21,225	16,525	4,700	22.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,775	17,225	1,550	8.3	18,700	16,925	1,775	9.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,275	15,950	2,325	12.7	18,425	15,875	2,550	13.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,950	16,250	2,700	14.2	19,200	16,100	3,100	16.2
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,925	3,675	1,250	25.4	5,275	3,700	1,575	29.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,750	425	10.3	4,175	3,650	525	12.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,700	5,075	625	10.8	5,725	4,975	750	12.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.6	45.3	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.6	8.6	8.3	0	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.1	10.9	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.9	0	- 0.2
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	- 0.3
State	4.8	4.8	5.2	0	- 0.4
Local	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,600 during April. This estimate was unchanged since the previous month and 300 more than April of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during April totaled 3,400. This is unchanged since last month and 100 more than April of last year. The increase since last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during April. This estimate was unchanged since last month and 200 more than April of last year. Compared to last April, gains were in retail trade, services, and federal government. Reductions were in wholesale trade and state government. During the next thirty days the total number of employed should increase slightly, with the number of unemployed showing a slight decline.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.1	213.0	213.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.7	19.1	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.7	15.1	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.7	0	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	19.8	20.2	19.7	- 0.4	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.3	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.2	51.9	51.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.4	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	41.1	40.8	40.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.3	13.3	13.7	0	- 0.4
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.4	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	42.0	41.7	41.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	55.6	55.7	56.8	- 0.1	- 1.2
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.4	53.5	54.6	- 0.1	- 1.2
State	32.2	32.2	33.0	0	- 0.8
Local	21.2	21.3	21.6	- 0.1	- 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$527.39	$517.50	$510.43	42.6	41.6	41.6	$12.38	$12.44	$12.27
Petro-Chemicals	683.28	693.03	687.09	46.8	46.7	46.9	14.60	14.84	14.65

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,100 during April was up 100 from the revised March estimate. Manufacturing showed no change while nonmanufacturing was up 100.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in April, showed no change during the current period. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing is down 400.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Wholesale trade was unchanged while retail trade was up due to more business in department stores, grocery stores, and in motor vehicle dealers (new and used). Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change. Services rose due to more business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in hospitals, and in outpatient care facilities. Federal government was unchanged during the current period. State government was at the same level as last month; however, there was a considerable drop from last year's total. Local government was down during the current period.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $527.39, up $9.89 from the revised March average. Average weekly hours were up by 1.0 hours and average hourly earnings decreased six cents. More overtime by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 234,600 during April, up 1,700 from March's revised total. Unemployment, at 24,500, was down 3,500 during the current period. April's unemployment rate, at 9.5 percent, was down from last month's revised 10.7 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 259,100 during the current period.

Students seeking summer work are expected to cause an increase in unemployment during the coming months.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,621 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 297 applicants in jobs during March.

The consumer price index for March, 1987 for all urban consumers was 335.9 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 330.5 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	51.7	51.4	56.2	+ 0.3	- 4.5
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.2	4.8	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.4	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
MINING	5.9	5.8	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	2.0	0	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.7	6.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Water Transportation	3.6	3.5	3.6	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.2	14.0	0	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	3.1	0	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.2	8.1	8.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	11.2	0	- 0.6
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.7	0	- 0.6
State	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	7.0	7.7	- 0.1	- 0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in April edged up to 51,700, a level 300 above March. Since April of 1986, total employment lost 4,500 workers, a reduction of 8.0 percent. Total nonagricultural employment remains at the lowest level since February of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in April, registering no change over the previous month. Durable goods and nondurable goods were unchanged over the previous month. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is down 600.

Mining showed a gain in oil and gas field services. Water transportation added workers. Services exhibited a small increase spread through several industries. Changes in government were minor. Construction held steady. Trade displayed no overall change in either the wholesale or retail sectors. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small seasonal gain. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA (CONTINUED)
EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Estimated unemployment in April moved down to 12,800, a level 2,000 below March. A decrease in the size of the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 17.5 percent of the labor force compared to 20.0 percent in March and 16.1 percent in April of last year. The April rate was higher than the state rate of 12.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 3,361.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small seasonal gain. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	March 1987	April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.6	82.3	90.6	+ 0.3	- 8.0
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	6.0	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.4	0	+ 0.3
MINING	11.1	11.0	12.5	+ 0.1	- 1.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.8	0	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.7	21.7	24.3	0	- 2.6
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	5.7	0	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.7	0	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	18.6	0	- 1.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.6	0	- 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.5	19.1	+ 0.1	- 1.5
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.0	13.6	0	- 0.6
Federal	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	12.2	12.2	12.6	0	- 0.4
State	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.5	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette area for the month of April 1987 stood at 82,600, an increase of 300 from the previous month, but 8,000 less than the same period a year ago.

Mining showed an increase of 100 from March 1987, but there was still a loss of 1,400 from this time last year. Transportation showed an increase of 100 from last month, and a decrease of 600 from April 1986. Trade showed no change from last month and a decrease of 2,600 from April 1986. Services showed an increase of 100 from March 1987, but a decrease of 1,500 from April of last year.

Total employment for the next thirty days should improve with the stability in oil prices and the improvement in the weather, but unemployment will remain high as students begin to enter the labor force.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.5	57.1	58.1	+ 0.4	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	10.0	9.8	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	1.9	1.7	0.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.5	0.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.1	4.8	5.6	+ 0.3	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.5	3.6	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.7	13.8	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.8	11.0	0	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.9	9.9	10.2	0	- 0.3
State	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Local	6.3	6.3	6.5	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles area was estimated at 57,500 for the month of April 1987. This is an increase of 400 from the previous month, but still 600 below April 1986.

Manufacturing showed a gain of 200 from the previous month, in the other durable goods sector. Compared to April 1986, there has been an increase of 1,300 in the manufacturing sector.

Mining showed no change from last month but there was a decrease of 100 from this time last year. Construction employment figures showed an increase of 300 over March; however, there was a decrease of 500 from last year's April estimate.

Total employment for Lake Charles for the next month should increase somewhat, with unemployment remaining the same.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	54.2	55.5	+ 0.6	- 0.7
MANUFACTURING	7.3	7.2	7.3	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.8	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.6	15.1	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	10.9	11.3	0	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.7	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.2	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.2	0	- 0.1
State	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was estimated at 54,800 during mid-April. This was an increase of 600 from the March estimate of 54,200.

Manufacturing rose by 100 to an estimated 7,300. The minimal gain was in durable goods.

Construction gained 200 workers as weather conditions improved. Services was also up by 200. Transportation and public utilities was up 100. All other segments were unchanged.

Over the next 30 days employment should rise slightly as weather conditions improve for outdoor employment. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.0	509.3	524.3	- 0.3	-15.3
MANUFACTURING	42.8	42.7	43.4	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	20.8	20.6	21.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.1	12.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.0	7.8	7.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	22.0	22.1	22.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	6.8	6.5	0	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	1.0	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.8	16.5	17.4	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.9	15.6	16.5	+ 0.3	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	22.7	22.9	26.2	- 0.2	- 3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.7	41.8	43.8	- 0.1	- 2.1
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	-0.1
Water Transportation	11.3	11.2	12.8	+ 0.1	-1.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.3	132.5	138.0	- 0.2	- 5.7
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.6	34.0	- 0.1	- 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.5	18.5	20.4	0	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.0	13.1	13.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	100.8	100.9	104.0	- 0.1	- 3.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.1	33.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	133.7	133.8	133.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	85.0	85.0	87.9	0	- 2.9
Federal	15.7	15.7	15.3	0	+ 0.4
State and Local	69.3	69.3	72.6	0	- 3.3
State	19.5	19.6	20.6	- 0.1	- 1.1
Local	49.8	49.7	52.0	+ 0.1	- 2.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$435.34	$443.87	$425.70	40.8	41.6	39.6	$10.67	$10.67	$10.75
Durable Goods	384.54	393.62	382.79	39.0	39.8	39.1	9.86	9.89	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	332.30	328.00	387.19	33.6	32.0	36.7	9.89	10.25	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	450.55	477.52	388.68	43.7	47.8	41.0	10.31	9.99	9.48
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	362.18	371.09	367.27	37.3	38.1	37.4	9.71	9.74	9.82
Nondurable Goods	482.51	491.72	467.17	42.4	43.4	40.1	11.38	11.33	11.65
Food & Kindred Products	347.90	353.60	323.39	40.5	40.0	37.3	8.59	8.84	8.67
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	149.72	193.32	132.24	29.3	36.0	22.3	5.11	5.37	5.93
Paper & Allied Products	421.35	408.71	456.87	45.7	43.9	48.5	9.22	9.31	9.42
Printing & Publishing	363.60	381.78	372.29	40.0	42.0	38.7	9.09	9.09	9.62
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	737.86	728.21	665.38	46.7	46.8	42.9	15.80	15.56	15.51

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in April dropped slightly to 509,000, a level 300 below March. Small losses in most industry divisions in nonmanufacturing offset minor gains elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 15,300 workers, with every industry division except finance, insurance, and real estate showing a decrease. Nonagricultural employment remains at the lowest level since February of 1979.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,800 in April, up 100 from the previous month. In durable goods, transportation equipment went up 200 due to a increase in ship and boatbuilding and repair with an increase in hiring at two local shipyards. Nondurable goods fell 100 in the paper and allied products sector because of a layoff in the industry. Compared to one year ago manufacturing employment is down 600.

Construction showed a decrease in employment in the part of the year when seasonal factors usually bring a gain, reflecting the effects of a troubled local economy. Trade exhibited a downturn in both retail and wholesale sectors. Services fell slightly. Transportation displayed an overall downturn. Real estate tapered off. Changes in government were minor. More favorably, mining added workers, mainly in oil and gas field services.

Production workers in the area earned an average $435.34 a week in April, down $8.53 from last month's average. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $9.64 in manufacturing. Average weekly hours decreased 48 minutes from the previous month, but average hourly earnings were unchanged over the previous month.

Estimated unemployment in April moved down to 58,000, a level 6,200 below March. A decrease in the size of the labor force was partly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.9 percent of the labor force compared to 10.9 percent in March and 10.5 percent in April of last year. The April rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 12.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 14,957.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Private and public educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer season. Mining and construction will probably add workers. Unemployment will likely move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1987*	March 1987**	April 1986**	Net Change From March 1987	Net Change From April 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.0	130.1	135.6	- 0.1	- 5.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	19.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.7	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.8	7.8	8.3	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.2	6.2	6.5	0	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	5.4	5.3	5.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.9	0	- 0.8
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.2	7.7	0	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.2	8.3	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.5	29.5	32.2	0	- 2.7
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.7	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.8
Retail Trade	21.9	21.8	23.8	+ 0.1	- 1.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.7	7.9	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	30.2	30.3	30.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.4	25.5	0	- 0.1
Federal	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	20.8	20.8	21.1	0	- 0.3
State	6.3	6.3	6.0	0	+ 0.3
Local	14.5	14.5	15.1	0	- 0.6

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**	April '87*	March '87**	April '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$422.91	$452.71	$454.21	38.1	39.4	40.7	$11.10	$11.49	$11.16
Lumber and Wood Products	253.75	240.38	270.95	38.8	37.5	40.2	6.54	6.41	6.74
Metals and Machinery	423.94	492.00	434.19	36.8	41.0	41.0	11.52	12.00	10.59
Food and Kindred Products	354.34	345.68	320.95	42.9	41.9	41.9	8.26	8.25	7.66
Printing and Publishing	329.34	345.43	281.18	33.2	34.1	31.7	9.92	10.13	8.87
Petroleum and Coal Products	573.36	658.93	582.06	49.3	50.3	44.5	11.63	13.10	13.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport LMA has an estimated 130,000 in nonagricultural wage and salary employment, almost unchanged from the revised March estimate of 130,100. However, the current total is 5,600 less than the April, 1986 estimate.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,700, shows a slight gain from the previous month, but remains 500 below the April, 1986 total.

Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 111,300, fell 200 from the revised March total and remains 5,100 less than the year-ago estimate. The employment losses in total nonmanufacturing occurred in transportation and public utilities, down 100, and in the services sector, down 100.

This labor area's 13,900 production workers in manufacturing earned average weekly earnings of $422.91, a decrease of $29.80 from last month, and a decrease of $31.30 from April of last year. Average weekly hours dropped to 38.1, down 1.3 hours from March and 2.6 hours lower than April, 1986. The average hourly earnings decreased to $11.10, down 39 cents from last month and six cents less than the year-ago figure.

The civilian labor force in the Shreveport labor market area is estimated at 161,300, including 143,400 employed, and 17,900 unemployed. An unemployment rate of 11.1 percent compares to 12.0 percent for the state.

The downward trend in total nonagricultural employment is expected to end in this area. Small employment gains are expected in the construction and services sectors during the next month. Total unemployment should show a gradual decline from the present level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MAY 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,932.1	1,715.8	216.3	11.2	1,928.1	1,694.7	233.4	12.1	2,010.3	1,749.2	261.1	13.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.8	55.1	5.7	9.3	60.5	54.5	6.0	9.9	60.7	54.4	6.3	10.3
Baton Rouge 2/	260.3	236.6	23.7	9.1	260.3	235.3	25.0	9.6	266.1	237.8	28.3	10.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.4	62.0	11.4	15.5	73.2	60.4	12.8	17.5	78.6	65.2	13.4	17.1
Lafayette 4/	100.2	87.9	12.3	12.3	100.5	87.2	13.3	13.2	109.5	94.1	15.4	14.1
Lake Charles 5/	74.8	65.6	9.2	12.3	74.1	64.6	9.5	12.8	76.7	65.5	11.2	14.6
Monroe 6/	68.6	62.2	6.4	9.3	68.3	61.5	6.8	10.0	70.6	63.7	6.9	9.8
New Orleans 7/	590.1	534.6	55.5	9.4	588.6	529.3	59.3	10.1	614.5	548.6	65.9	10.7
Shreveport 8/	163.6	147.0	16.6	10.1	162.9	144.8	18.1	11.1	171.1	151.3	19.8	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,492,700 for May, an increase of 3,600 above the April revised figure but a decrease of 41,200 from the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's employment increase was centered in the nonmanufacturing segment. Manufacturing payrolls were up slightly as a result of higher employment in durable goods.

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Durable goods employment, at 74,100, was 400 higher than last month and 600 higher than May 1986. An increase in transportation equipment payrolls accounted for most of the gain in the durable goods segment. Cutbacks in miscellaneous manufacturing industries resulted in a downturn for the other durable goods segment of manufacturing.

Monthly employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 91,900, was 100 below the April level. Paper and allied products and other nondurable goods employment fell by 100 each, while printing and publishing showed an increase of 100 for the current month.

Nonmanufacturing employment during May was estimated at 1,326,700, up by 3,300 from the April figure. Mining employment was higher this month as a result of an increase in oil and gas exploration. An upturn in general building contractors and heavy construction contractors accounted for the increase in construction payrolls. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase in employment due to more business at the state's ports. Trade payrolls were up primarily as a result of increased hiring in retail trade, especially eating and drinking places. Cutbacks at banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal hires in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment gain for services in May. Government payrolls fell below last month's figures due to a downturn in state government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 119,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $449.86 in April to $452.45 in May, an increase of $2.59 and an increase of $14.85 above May of last year. Average hourly earnings were one cent higher in May than last month and $0.28 higher than May a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during May, an increase of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana for May stood at 216,300, a decrease of 17,100 from the April level of 233,400. The unemployment rate for May was 11.2 percent, compared to 12.1 percent for April and 13.0 percent for May of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for this month was 6.1 percent compared to 6.2 percent in April and 7.0 percent for May of last year. Louisiana's civilian labor force increased from 1,928,100 in April to 1,932,100 in May, an increase of 4,000. Total employment, at 1,715,800, was up by 21,100 from last month but was 33,400 lower than April a year ago.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably go up next month due to an influx of students looking for summer employment. Seasonal influences may increase manufacturing employment during the early summer months. Nonmanufacturing segments such as construction and trade are expected to experience employment increases next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change from April 1987	May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,492.7	1,489.1	1,533.9	+ 3.6	-41.2
MINING	58.6	58.2	62.2	+ 0.4	- 3.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	55.8	55.5	59.2	+ 0.3	- 3.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.7	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	83.8	83.1	90.8	+ 0.7	- 7.0
MANUFACTURING	166.0	165.7	167.5	+ 0.3	- 1.5
Durable Goods	74.1	73.7	73.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.0	6.0	6.4	0	- 0.4
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.0	12.0	13.0	0	- 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.6	8.5	8.6	+ 0.1	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.5	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	22.0	21.6	19.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.3	2.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	91.9	92.0	94.0	- 0.1	- 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.0	20.0	21.4	0	- 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	7.7	0	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	11.7	11.8	11.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.7	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.2	0	- 1.0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.6	4.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.7	105.3	107.0	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Railroad Transportation	5.5	5.5	5.8	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.0	58.6	60.7	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Water Transportation	23.5	23.2	24.7	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.2	41.2	40.5	0	+ 0.7
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.5	18.5	18.9	0	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.7	22.7	21.6	0	+ 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	356.7	354.9	373.0	+ 1.8	-16.3
Wholesale Trade	79.6	79.9	86.5	- 0.3	- 6.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.6	43.9	49.6	- 0.3	- 6.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.0	36.0	36.9	0	- 0.9
Retail Trade	277.1	275.0	286.5	+ 2.1	- 9.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.3	57.2	58.7	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Food Stores	56.7	56.8	55.2	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.1	29.1	31.5	0	- 2.4
Eating & Drinking Places	82.9	80.9	87.4	+ 2.0	- 4.5
Other Retail Trade	51.1	51.0	53.7	+ 0.1	- 2.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change from April 1987	Net Change from May 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.8	84.9	86.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
Banking	25.7	25.8	26.9	- 0.1	- 1.2
SERVICES	318.3	317.3	320.6	+ 1.0	- 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.7	23.8	23.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Personal Services	15.1	15.0	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Business Services	54.1	54.1	56.2	0	- 2.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.6	9.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.5	8.4	10.6	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Health Services	96.7	96.8	95.5	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Legal Services	15.0	14.7	14.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Educational Services	21.5	21.5	22.7	0	- 1.2
Social Services	18.7	18.8	19.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.2	25.4	25.9	- 0.2	- 0.7
Miscellaneous Services	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	318.8	319.7	326.8	- 0.9	- 8.0
Federal	36.3	36.2	35.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	282.5	283.5	290.9	- 1.0	- 8.4
State	100.1	101.1	104.5	- 1.0	- 4.4
Local	182.4	182.4	186.4	0	- 4.0

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$452.45	$449.86	$437.60	41.7	41.5	41.4	$10.85	$10.84	$10.57
Durable Goods	392.04	392.20	390.45	40.5	40.6	41.1	9.68	9.66	9.50
Lumber & Wood Products	347.96	351.50	341.99	42.8	42.4	43.4	8.13	8.29	7.88
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	350.68	362.95	352.10	41.5	42.6	40.8	8.45	8.52	8.63
Fabricated Metal Products	417.90	444.12	411.70	44.6	46.7	42.4	9.37	9.51	9.71
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.63	400.78	383.36	41.9	42.5	40.1	9.49	9.43	9.56
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.05	408.86	483.11	35.0	34.3	41.9	12.03	11.92	11.53
Transportation Equipment	423.12	412.68	426.01	38.5	38.0	39.3	10.99	10.86	10.84
Nondurable Goods	506.32	500.49	479.55	42.8	42.2	41.7	11.83	11.86	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	301.69	314.31	309.62	37.2	38.9	39.9	8.11	8.08	7.76
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	206.56	193.75	190.27	37.9	35.1	35.3	5.45	5.52	5.39
Paper & Allied Products	588.74	560.14	576.32	44.1	41.4	43.3	13.35	13.53	13.31
Printing & Publishing	377.19	393.67	387.86	38.1	38.9	38.1	9.90	10.12	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	730.00	711.63	661.40	47.9	46.3	44.3	15.24	15.37	14.93
Petroleum & Coal Products	698.49	693.78	659.83	47.1	47.1	45.6	14.83	14.73	14.47
Petroleum Refining	708.38	707.14	676.44	47.1	47.3	46.3	15.04	14.95	14.61
MINING	577.41	583.22	516.35	48.4	48.2	44.9	11.93	12.10	11.50
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	509.26	509.26	515.97	39.6	39.6	40.5	12.86	12.86	12.74
BANKING	255.84	256.61	268.16	38.3	38.3	38.2	6.68	6.70	7.02

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 119,000 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 91,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 05 87				REVISED 04 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,575	20,025	3,550	15.1	23,400	19,725	3,675	15.7
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,425	8,200	1,225	13.0	9,400	8,100	1,300	13.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,975	5,275	1,700	24.4	7,250	5,375	1,875	26.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,250	13,475	2,775	17.1	16,300	13,250	3,050	18.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,900	12,275	1,625	11.6	13,675	12,100	1,575	11.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,875	750	11.3	6,700	5,775	925	14.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,475	3,850	625	14.2	4,500	3,775	725	16.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,625	4,175	450	10.0	4,525	4,000	525	11.5
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,675	3,800	875	18.7	4,725	3,725	1,000	21.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,650	6,875	775	10.2	7,650	6,775	875	11.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,250	8,675	1,575	15.4	10,175	8,500	1,675	16.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,875	11,400	1,475	11.6	12,925	11,250	1,675	13.0
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,550	3,575	975	21.3	4,425	3,425	1,000	22.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,650	7,750	900	10.3	8,550	7,600	950	11.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,825	11,750	2,075	15.1	13,700	11,500	2,200	16.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	7,125	1,300	15.3	8,525	7,000	1,525	17.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,500	5,700	800	12.4	6,550	5,625	925	14.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,050	22,750	5,300	18.9	27,800	22,375	5,425	19.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,275	1,825	15.1	12,100	10,150	1,950	16.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,200	6,575	625	8.8	7,200	6,500	700	9.6
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,125	11,275	1,850	14.1	13,000	11,000	2,000	15.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,775	5,950	825	12.3	6,650	5,775	875	13.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,325	17,425	900	4.9	18,050	17,100	950	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,875	5,050	825	14.1	5,875	4,925	950	16.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,350	10,750	1,600	12.9	12,275	10,450	1,825	14.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,300	15,625	1,675	9.7	17,350	15,350	2,000	11.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,700	8,475	1,225	12.6	9,600	8,200	1,400	14.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,775	6,500	1,275	16.4	7,825	6,450	1,375	17.5
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,375	3,950	425	9.9	4,850	3,850	1,000	20.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,675	7,475	1,200	13.8	8,650	7,275	1,375	15.9
MANY (SABINE)	9,825	8,875	950	9.8	9,900	8,825	1,075	10.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,600	400	13.5	2,975	2,550	425	14.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,525	7,250	1,275	15.1	8,400	7,050	1,350	16.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,325	28,450	5,875	17.1	34,500	28,150	6,350	18.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	26,125	20,650	5,475	21.0	26,500	20,450	6,050	22.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,475	34,425	5,050	12.8	39,325	33,925	5,400	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,150	350	10.4	3,425	3,025	400	11.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,350	1,025	12.2	8,325	7,175	1,150	13.7
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,075	17,300	3,775	17.9	21,150	17,100	4,050	19.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,550	1,625	8.5	18,875	17,250	1,625	8.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,225	16,125	2,100	11.5	18,325	15,950	2,375	12.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,925	16,450	2,475	13.1	18,975	16,250	2,725	14.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,950	3,775	1,175	23.8	4,950	3,675	1,275	25.9
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,775	400	9.5	4,175	3,750	425	10.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,750	5,200	550	9.7	5,700	5,075	625	10.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	 May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.9	45.7	45.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	10.7	10.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.6	8.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	10.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.8	0	- 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.3	0	- 0.3
State	4.8	4.8	5.1	0	- 0.3
Local	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,900 during May. This estimate was 200 more than April and 500 more than May of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during May was estimated at 3,400. This is unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than May of last year. The increase since last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,500 during May. This estimate was 200 more than April and 400 more than May of last year. Since the previous month there were gains in construction, transportation and public utilities, and retail trade, with a decline in services. Compared to last May, gains were in transportation and public utilities, retail trade, services and federal government. Losses were in wholesale trade and state government.

During the next thirty days the number of unemployed should increase with the influx of students, and some school personnel added to the labor force.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.5	213.0	215.1	+ 0.5	- 1.6
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.7	19.2	0	- 0.5
Durable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.1	+ 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.6	14.7	15.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.3	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.0	19.9	20.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.1	51.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.4	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	41.4	41.0	40.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.3	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.3	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.0	42.0	41.3	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	55.4	55.5	57.1	- 0.1	- 1.7
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	53.2	53.3	54.9	- 0.1	- 1.7
State	31.8	32.1	33.2	- 0.3	- 1.4
Local	21.4	21.2	21.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$517.86	$515.41	$527.85	41.1	41.7	42.5	$12.60	$12.36	$12.42
Petro-Chemicals	692.29	672.21	710.31	46.4	46.2	47.8	14.92	14.55	14.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,500 during May was up 500 from the revised April estimate. Manufacturing showed no change while nonmanufacturing was up 500.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700 in May, showed no change during the current period. Durable goods showed an increase due to more business in blast furnaces, steel works and rolling and finishing mills, in iron and steel foundries, and in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals. Nondurable goods were down due to less business in miscellaneous products of petroleum and coal.

Nonmanufacturing employment was up during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Transportation and public utilities showed no change. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in lumber and other building materials dealers, in grocery stores, and in eating and drinking places. Employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate segment rose due to more business in subdividers and developers. Services showed no change. Government was down due to staff reductions in state government.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $517.86, up $3.45 from the revised April average. Average weekly hours at 41.1 hours were down 0.6 hours and average hourly earnings at $12.60 were up $0.24 from April's revised estimate. More overtime worked in petro-chemical industries contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 236,600 during May, up 1,300 from April's revised total. Unemployment, at 23,700, was down 1,300 during the current period. The unemployment rate for May was 9.1 percent compared to 9.6 percent for April and 10.7 percent for May a year ago. The comparable state rate for May was 11.2 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 260,300 during the current period.

Employment is expected to increase slightly while unemployment starts its seasonal rise during the next thirty days.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,908 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 178 applicants in jobs during May.

The consumer price index for April, 1987 for all urban consumers was 337.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 332.3 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.4	51.6	56.0	+ 0.8	- 3.6
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.0	5.1	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.0	5.9	6.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.5	1.4	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.7	3.6	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.2	13.2	14.1	0	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	10.5	10.6	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	8.6	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.6	11.3	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.1	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.5
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	6.9	7.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in May pushed up to 52,400, a level 800 above April. Since May of 1986, total employment lost 3,600 workers, a decrease of 6.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment remains at a level lower than any since March of 1977.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in May, an increase of 300 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change. Nondurable goods increased 300 due to seasonal increases in the food and kindred products industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 800.

Mining showed a small gain in May. Water transportation added workers. Construction rose slightly. In government, both the state and local sectors exhibited small gains. In trade, a small gain in wholesale trade was offset by a minor decrease in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no change. Services held steady.

Estimated unemployment in May totaled 11,400, a level 1,400 below April. Joblessness presently comprises 15.5 percent of the labor force compared to 17.5 percent in April and 18.5 percent in May of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 3,428.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer. Construction and mining will benefit from better weather conditions. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.5	88.8	- 0.1	- 6.4
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	6.0	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.7	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.1	11.1	12.0	0	- 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.7	0	- 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.7	21.7	23.9	0	- 2.2
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	5.5	0	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.5	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	18.4	0	- 1.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.7	9.7	10.5	0	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.6	18.9	0	- 1.3
GOVERNMENT	12.8	13.0	13.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	12.0	12.2	12.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
State	5.0	5.2	4.7	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Local	7.0	7.0	7.5	0	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400, a decrease of 100 from the previous month and 6,400 below May of last year.

Manufacturing was unchanged from last month's figure of 5,700, but this estimate is 300 below the year-ago figure.

Nonmanufacturing was estimated at 76,700, down 100 from the April revised figure. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase of 100 while government fell by 200 from last month. Employment in nonmanufacturing has fallen by 6,100 since May of last year.

The unemployment rate is expected to rise due to the entry of students into the labor market. Nonagricultural employment should remain relatively stable during the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.4	57.3	57.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	10.3	10.0	8.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	2.2	1.9	0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.7	0.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.6	10.6	11.0	0	- 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.6	10.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.6	- 0.1	0
State and Local	9.8	9.9	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
State	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Local	6.2	6.3	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 57,400 for May 1987. This estimate is 100 more than April's estimate, but 300 less than May of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to expand for the month of May, with an increase of 300 in other durable goods. More significantly, manufacturing employment has risen by 1,600 since May of 1986.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 100 this month, but shows a 200 decrease from last year. Wholesale and retail trade fell by 100 and also shows a decrease of 500 since May 1986.

Government showed a decrease of 200 in federal and local government employment.

All other segments remained unchanged.

Employment should slowly increase over the next 30 days while the unemployment rate should increase due to the influx of students and education workers into the labor force.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.4	55.8	+ 0.3	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.6	15.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.3	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.7	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
State	4.5	4.7	4.5	- 0.2	0
Local	5.4	5.4	5.8	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment rose to an estimated 54,700 during mid-May, an increase of 300 from the April estimate of 54,400. All gains were in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged from the April estimate.

Nonmanufacturing was up by 300 workers. Construction rose by 200 as weather conditions improved. Transportation and public utilities shows a minimal decline of 100. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200. Services also rose by 200. Government declined by 200 signaling the end of the spring semester.

Over the next 30 days employment should increase slightly as outside activity increases. Unemployment will rise as youths enter the labor force seeking summer employment.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	509.3	508.7	524.1	+ 0.6	-14.8
MANUFACTURING	43.2	42.9	43.6	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Durable Goods	21.2	21.0	20.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.4	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.2	7.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	16.8	16.6	16.8	+ 0.2	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	15.6	15.7	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	22.9	25.6	+ 0.1	- 2.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.6	41.7	43.8	- 0.1	- 2.2
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	10.9	11.3	12.6	- 0.4	- 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.6	132.4	138.7	+ 0.2	- 6.1
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.6	33.9	- 0.1	- 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.5	20.2	- 0.2	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	101.1	100.8	104.8	+ 0.3	- 3.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.6	34.0	33.9	- 0.4	- 0.3
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	133.7	133.4	133.7	+ 0.3	0
GOVERNMENT	84.8	84.8	88.0	0	- 3.2
Federal	15.6	15.6	15.4	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	69.2	69.2	72.6	0	- 3.4
State	19.5	19.6	20.6	- 0.1	- 1.1
Local	49.7	49.6	52.0	+ 0.1	- 2.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$436.71	$436.30	$423.32	40.7	40.7	39.6	$10.73	$10.72	$10.69
Durable Goods	384.46	380.60	381.81	38.6	38.6	39.0	9.96	9.86	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	314.96	332.30	369.25	31.0	33.6	35.0	10.16	9.89	10.55
Fabricated Metal Products	460.69	461.25	385.81	46.3	45.0	41.0	9.95	10.25	9.41
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.23	362.18	367.79	37.7	37.3	37.8	9.90	9.71	9.73
Nondurable Goods	487.21	488.62	460.35	42.7	42.6	40.1	11.41	11.47	11.48
Food & Kindred Products	360.40	358.02	306.36	40.0	40.5	36.0	9.01	8.84	8.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	153.33	147.97	157.80	28.5	29.3	26.7	5.38	5.05	5.91
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	414.92	441.70	47.9	45.1	46.3	9.19	9.20	9.54
Printing & Publishing	345.14	366.12	371.78	39.4	40.5	39.3	8.76	9.04	9.46
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	754.94	741.83	694.94	49.7	47.1	43.9	15.19	15.75	15.83

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MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.3	+ 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.5	2.6	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
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Retail Trade	11.1	10.9	11.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.8	3.3	0	- 0.5
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.3	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.7	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
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Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.4	2.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.4	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.2	7.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.0	21.9	22.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
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NEW ORLEANS AREA
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Fabricated Metal Products	460.69	461.25	385.81	46.3	45.0	41.0	9.95	10.25	9.41
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.23	362.18	367.79	37.7	37.3	37.8	9.90	9.71	9.73
Nondurable Goods	487.21	488.62	460.35	42.7	42.6	40.1	11.41	11.47	11.48
Food & Kindred Products	360.40	358.02	306.36	40.0	40.5	36.0	9.01	8.84	8.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	153.33	147.97	157.80	28.5	29.3	26.7	5.38	5.05	5.91
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	414.92	441.70	47.9	45.1	46.3	9.19	9.20	9.54
Printing & Publishing	345.14	366.12	371.78	39.4	40.5	39.3	8.76	9.04	9.46
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NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in May moved up to 509,300, a level 600 above April. Gains were scattered, small, and mostly seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 14,800 workers, with every industry division showing a decrease except mining, which stood at the same level as in May of the previous year.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,200 in May, up 300 from the previous month. Durable goods showed gains in fabricated metal products and ship and boatbuilding and repair. Nondurable goods increased 100 in the food and kindred products segment with the start of the seafood processing season. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 400.

Services showed mainly seasonal increases in business services, automotive repair services, and legal services. Retail trade added workers mostly in eating and drinking places, miscellaneous retail stores, and building materials dealers. Mining pushed up, taking advantage of better weather for outside activity. Construction exhibited a small gain. Less favorably, water transportation decreased to the lowest level in more than a decade. Finance, insurance, and real estate each reduced employment, reflecting the area's long range economic problems. In government, a small upturn in local government was offset by a minor downturn in state government.

Production workers in the area earned an average $436.71 a week in May, up $0.41 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were unchanged from the previous month, and average hourly earnings increased 1 cent over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $13.39 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in May stood at 55,500, a level 3,800 below April. An increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared to 10.1 percent in April and 11.4 percent in May of last year. The May rate was somewhat lower than the state rate of 11.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 14,152.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit normal seasonal changes. Mining and construction will probably add workers. Public and private educational services will make downward adjustments for the summer season. Unemployment will probably move up with the summer increase in the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1987*	April 1987**	May 1986**	Net Change From April 1987	Net Change From May 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.7	131.0	136.1	+ 0.7	- 4.4
MANUFACTURING	18.3	18.6	19.0	- 0.3	- 0.7
Durable Goods	13.0	13.2	13.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.2	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.5	0	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.8	5.0	4.8	- 0.2	0
Nondurable Good	5.3	5.4	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
MINING	3.2	3.1	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	7.7	7.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.2	8.1	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.5	29.9	32.3	- 0.4	- 2.8
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.5	8.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
Retail Trade	22.2	22.4	24.0	- 0.2	- 1.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.7	7.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	31.3	30.5	31.6	+ 0.8	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	25.6	25.4	25.6	+ 0.2	0
Federal	4.7	4.6	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	20.9	20.8	21.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	6.3	6.3	6.0	0	+ 0.3
Local	14.6	14.5	15.2	+ 0.1	- 0.6

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**	May '87*	April '87**	May '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$434.64	$425.90	$452.18	38.6	38.3	40.7	$11.26	$11.12	$11.11
Lumber and Wood Products	264.22	270.80	242.70	40.4	40.0	39.4	6.54	6.77	6.16
Metals and Machinery	442.93	428.72	443.22	37.6	36.8	41.5	11.78	11.65	10.68
Food and Kindred Products	376.85	354.35	313.12	42.2	42.9	41.2	8.93	8.26	7.60
Printing and Publishing	326.33	329.34	284.86	32.6	33.2	33.2	10.01	9.92	8.58
Petroleum and Coal Products	604.67	573.36	544.36	50.6	49.3	45.1	11.95	11.63	12.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport labor market area had an estimated 131,700 in total nonagricultural employment for the month of May, up from the revised April estimate of 131,000 and 4,400 less than the May, 1986 estimate. Total manufacturing employment shows a decline of 300 from April to May, while nonmanufacturing employment increased 1,000.

The estimated employment total in manufacturing was 18,300, down from 18,600 in April and 19,000 one year ago. Employment in durable goods fell to 13,000 a 200 decrease from the previous month and 500 less than May, 1986. The nondurable goods employment, estimated at 5,300, dropped 100 during the past month, and was 200 below the year ago level.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased to 113,400, up from 112,400 during the previous month, but 3,700 less than May 1986. Estimated employment increased from April to May in mining, construction, transportation and public utilities, services and government. The services sector showed the largest employment gain, up from 30,500 in April to 31,300 in May. This increase was the result of the beginning of the 1987 racing season. The only job losses that occurred from April to May were in wholesale and retail trade, which was down 400 from the previous month and 2,800 less than one year ago.

Production workers for this area, estimated at 13,300, had average weekly earnings of $434.64, an increase of $8.74 from the April average. This weekly average is down $17.54 from May, 1986. Average weekly hours increased to 38.6, up 0.3 hours from the previous month but 2.1 hours less than one year ago. Average hourly earnings are nearly unchanged at $11.26, up $0.14 from last month and $0.15 from May, 1986.

The Shreveport labor market area has a civilian labor force estimated at 163,600, which includes 147,000 employed and 16,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate for May was 10.1 percent, compared to 11.2 percent for the state.

The outlook for next month is for unemployment to show an increase as new and re-entrants are added into the labor force. Local government employment will decline as public school payrolls are reduced for the summer.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	4,301	3,744	557	89	76	13	58	46	12
Contractural Construction (15-17)	16,785	12,248	4,537	398	325	73	2,780	2,135	645
Manufacturing (20-29)	7,065	4,089	2,976	161	89	72	444	297	147
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	3,364	2,132	1,232	51	25	26	295	177	118
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	2,012	1,400	612	77	62	15	223	141	82
Retail Trade (52-59)	10,283	6,521	3,762	406	303	103	1,033	596	437
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,845	1,444	401	44	35	9	310	235	75
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	11,967	7,077	4,890	285	182	103	1,335	788	547
Public Administration (91-97)	2,190	1,109	1,081	81	40	41	177	89	88
All Others	355	193	162	12	5	7	50	25	25
Totals	60,167	39,957	20,210	1,604	1,142	462	6,705	4,529	2,176
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	7,353	6,120	1,233	181	148	33	893	720	173
Clerical and Sales	12,991	9,681	3,310	417	340	77	1,452	1,052	400
Services Occupations	5,968	2,125	3,843	213	94	119	580	181	399
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	786	412	374	34	23	11	22	13	9
Processing Occupations	1,602	894	708	18	9	9	152	99	53
Machine Trades	3,061	2,189	872	89	69	20	360	280	80
Benchwork Occupations	1,588	782	806	25	13	12	97	71	26
Structural Work Occupations	16,533	11,660	4,873	427	340	87	2,469	1,754	715
Miscellaneous Occupations	10,285	6,094	4,191	200	106	94	680	359	321
Totals	60,167	39,957	20,210	1,604	1,142	462	6,705	4,529	2,176

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	427	391	36	699	585	114	117	101	16
Contractural Construction (15-17)	533	430	103	485	354	131	1,309	1,062	247
Manufacturing (20-29)	556	408	148	322	211	111	137	100	37
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	328	287	41	153	125	28	136	74	62
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	140	126	14	174	139	35	52	43	9
Retail Trade (52-59)	463	358	105	611	431	180	388	289	99
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	49	44	5	142	116	26	49	46	3
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	519	407	112	649	435	214	382	261	121
Public Administration (91-97)	166	94	72	127	70	57	46	29	17
All Others	26	17	9	12	6	6	3	2	1
Totals	3,207	2,562	645	3,374	2,472	902	2,619	2,007	612
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	400	364	36	579	529	50	252	225	27
Clerical and Sales	503	436	67	930	777	153	471	387	84
Services Occupations	274	159	115	374	151	223	208	85	123
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	105	80	25	24	16	8	18	11	7
Processing Occupations	271	180	91	71	37	34	55	30	25
Machine Trades	162	138	24	192	147	45	91	74	17
Benchwork Occupations	28	25	3	68	48	20	25	21	4
Structural Work Occupations	789	625	164	565	383	182	1,088	906	182
Miscellaneous Occupations	675	555	120	571	384	187	411	268	143
Totals	3,207	2,562	645	3,374	2,472	902	2,619	2,007	612

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1987

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	39	36	3	353	272	81	245	222	23
Contractural Construction (15-17)	535	430	105	4,025	2,625	1,400	767	518	249
Manufacturing (20-29)	220	143	77	1,699	940	759	584	288	296
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	57	34	23	1,314	671	643	193	107	86
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	32	18	14	641	376	265	227	178	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	503	351	152	3,127	1,638	1,489	953	533	420
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	38	31	7	691	501	190	206	160	46
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	286	165	121	4,174	2,245	1,929	980	523	457
Public Administration (91-97)	46	25	21	494	196	298	174	75	99
All Others	1	0	1	127	59	68	8	5	3
Totals	1,757	1,233	524	16,645	9,523	7,122	4,337	2,609	1,728
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	235	203	32	2,512	1,969	543	560	469	91
Clerical and Sales	493	374	119	4,094	2,652	1,442	1,242	910	332
Services Occupations	147	48	99	1,971	537	1,434	537	114	423
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	20	6	14	159	88	71	54	21	33
Processing Occupations	16	11	5	305	149	156	56	30	26
Machine Trades	134	86	48	726	479	247	272	152	120
Benchwork Occupations	32	22	10	421	153	268	196	88	108
Structural Work Occupations	387	310	77	3,813	2,366	1,447	770	510	260
Miscellaneous Occupations	293	173	120	2,644	1,130	1,514	650	315	335
Totals	1,757	1,233	524	16,645	9,523	7,122	4,337	2,609	1,728

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MAY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JUNE 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,950.0	1,730.8	219.2	11.2	1,935.4	1,716.0	219.4	11.3	2,006.9	1,726.9	280.0	14.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.9	56.3	5.6	9.1	61.1	55.4	5.7	9.4	61.4	54.4	7.0	11.3
Baton Rouge 2/	263.5	238.1	25.4	9.7	261.1	237.0	24.1	9.2	264.5	233.9	30.6	11.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.3	61.7	10.6	14.6	73.2	61.7	11.5	15.7	78.0	63.6	14.4	18.5
Lafayette 4/	101.3	89.3	12.0	11.8	100.3	87.9	12.4	12.4	109.2	92.4	16.8	15.4
Lake Charles 5/	77.4	67.6	9.8	12.7	75.0	65.7	9.3	12.4	76.6	64.9	11.7	15.3
Monroe 6/	69.8	63.2	6.6	9.4	67.4	60.9	6.5	9.6	70.9	63.5	7.4	10.4
New Orleans 7/	595.9	539.8	56.1	9.4	590.7	534.2	56.5	9.6	612.9	543.2	69.7	11.4
Shreveport 8/	164.3	147.7	16.6	10.1	164.3	147.5	16.8	10.2	170.9	150.3	20.6	12.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,489,300 for June, a decrease of 2,000 workers from May's revised level of 1,491,300 and 28,900 below the comparable period a year ago. Several nonmanufacturing segments were responsible for the state's nonagricultural employment decline in June. Manufacturing payrolls were up due to higher employment for both the durable and nondurable goods segments.

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Durable goods employment, at 74,700, was 500 above the May revised figure and 2,500 above May a year ago. An increase in activity at sawmills and planing mills and increased production of millwork, plywood and structural members contributed to the upturn in the lumber and wood products industry. More demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the increase in stone, clay and glass products payrolls.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 1,500 workers from May's level. The most significant factor in this month's increase was a seasonal advance in food and kindred products due to increased activity in seafood canning.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was 1,321,100, down 4,000 from the May revised level. Mining payrolls were up by 400 employees for June. Construction increased by 400 due to hiring in the heavy construction segment. More business for the state's ports was largely responsible for the upturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment for June was up as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. An increase in banking payrolls was instrumental in the higher level of employment of finance, insurance and real estate. Decreases in education were especially significant in the drop in services employment. Government employment in June was down mostly due to decreases in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 121,100 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $454.78 in May to $450.53 in June, a decrease of $4.25 but an increase of $11.28 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were five cents lower in June than last month and $0.22 more than June a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 for the current month, down by 0.2 hours from May's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for June totaled 219,200, a decrease of 200 from the May level of 219,400. The unemployment rate for June was 11.2 percent, compared to 11.3 percent for May and 14.0 percent for June 1986. The national unemployment rate for June was 6.3 percent compared to 6.1 percent in May and 7.3 percent for June of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,935,400 in May to 1,950,000 in June, an increase of 14,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,716,000 in May to 1,730,800 in June, a gain of 14,800.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should experience a decline during the next few months. Certain segments of nonmanufacturing, such as trade and construction, may show some growth over the next two or three months. Government employment is expected to fall in July.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change from May 1987	Net Change from June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,489.3	1,491.3	1,518.2	- 2.0	-28.9
MINING	59.0	58.6	60.6	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	56.3	55.8	57.6	+ 0.5	- 1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	84.4	84.0	89.2	+ 0.4	- 4.8
MANUFACTURING	168.2	166.2	166.4	+ 2.0	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	74.7	74.2	72.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	11.9	12.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.2	6.0	6.2	+ 0.2	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.2	12.1	12.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.5	8.6	8.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.6	7.7	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	22.1	22.0	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	93.5	92.0	94.2	+ 1.5	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	21.2	20.1	21.5	+ 1.1	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	7.7	0	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	11.8	12.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.7	10.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.1	0	- 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.9	105.3	105.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.9	58.8	60.1	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Water Transportation	24.5	23.4	24.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.1	39.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.4	18.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.3	22.7	21.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	358.6	356.2	372.6	+ 2.4	-14.0
Wholesale Trade	80.4	79.7	86.0	+ 0.7	- 5.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.6	43.6	49.3	0	- 5.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.1	36.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	278.2	276.5	286.6	+ 1.7	- 8.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.1	57.1	58.8	0	- 1.7
Food Stores	56.9	56.7	55.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	29.0	31.4	+ 0.5	- 1.9
Eating & Drinking Places	83.0	82.4	87.6	+ 0.6	- 4.6
Other Retail Trade	51.7	51.3	53.5	+ 0.4	- 1.8

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change from May 1987	Net Change from June 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.1	84.8	86.5	+ 0.3	- 1.4
Banking	25.9	25.7	27.1	+ 0.2	- 1.2
SERVICES	314.8	317.2	317.8	- 2.4	- 3.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.0	23.6	22.6	- 0.6	+ 0.4
Personal Services	14.7	15.0	14.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Business Services	54.2	53.8	55.5	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	9.9	0	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.8	9.5	10.7	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Health Services	97.4	96.7	96.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
Legal Services	15.6	15.0	14.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Educational Services	17.5	20.6	19.3	- 3.1	- 1.8
Social Services	18.1	18.6	18.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.5	26.3	0	- 0.8
Miscellaneous Services	16.6	16.5	16.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	312.3	319.0	319.4	- 6.7	- 7.1
Federal	36.7	36.4	36.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
State and Local	275.6	282.6	283.1	- 7.0	- 7.5
State	92.7	100.1	95.9	- 7.4	- 3.2
Local	182.9	182.5	187.2	+ 0.4	- 4.3

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$450.53	$454.78	$439.25	41.6	41.8	41.4	$10.83	$10.88	$10.61
Durable Goods	394.30	392.45	390.02	40.4	40.5	40.5	9.76	9.69	9.63
Lumber & Wood Products	352.46	347.96	327.33	43.3	42.8	42.4	8.14	8.13	7.72
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	328.52	341.38	351.51	38.2	40.4	38.5	8.60	8.45	9.13
Fabricated Metal Products	415.53	420.71	422.15	44.3	44.9	42.3	9.38	9.37	9.98
Machinery, ex. Electrical	430.15	401.74	386.07	44.3	42.2	40.3	9.71	9.52	9.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	458.80	421.05	475.43	37.0	35.0	40.6	12.40	12.03	11.71
Transportation Equipment	406.25	424.21	428.28	37.1	38.6	39.4	10.95	10.99	10.87
Nondurable Goods	500.44	511.27	482.35	42.7	43.0	42.2	11.72	11.89	11.43
Food & Kindred Products	305.36	313.47	292.82	39.3	38.7	39.2	7.77	8.10	7.47
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	221.39	203.20	195.84	40.4	37.7	36.0	5.48	5.39	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	593.92	610.60	606.60	43.1	44.7	45.0	13.78	13.66	13.48
Printing & Publishing	390.22	377.19	383.90	39.1	38.1	37.6	9.98	9.90	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	691.56	730.66	665.23	45.2	47.6	45.1	15.30	15.35	14.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	688.75	683.20	673.52	46.6	46.1	46.1	14.78	14.82	14.61
Petroleum Refining	703.40	693.34	689.83	46.8	46.1	46.8	15.03	15.04	14.74
MINING	582.00	568.09	546.83	48.5	47.9	47.1	12.00	11.86	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	508.26	513.22	533.54	39.4	39.6	41.2	12.90	12.96	12.95
BANKING	254.79	255.46	271.62	38.2	38.3	40.3	6.67	6.67	6.74

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,000 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 06 87				REVISED 05 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,200	3,625	15.2	23,725	20,050	3,675	15.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,475	8,250	1,225	13.0	9,475	8,250	1,225	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,800	5,150	1,650	24.3	7,000	5,275	1,725	24.5
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	13,500	2,825	17.3	16,275	13,500	2,775	17.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,200	12,475	1,725	12.2	14,000	12,350	1,650	11.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,600	5,850	750	11.2	6,625	5,875	750	11.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,500	3,875	625	13.7	4,500	3,850	650	14.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,175	425	9.2	4,625	4,150	475	10.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,700	3,850	850	18.1	4,675	3,800	875	18.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,750	6,950	800	10.2	7,675	6,900	775	10.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,250	8,775	1,475	14.3	10,275	8,675	1,600	15.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,975	11,500	1,475	11.3	12,925	11,425	1,500	11.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,550	3,625	925	20.4	4,550	3,575	975	21.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,725	7,800	925	10.6	8,675	7,775	900	10.4
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,950	11,800	2,150	15.5	13,875	11,775	2,100	15.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,550	7,275	1,275	14.8	8,450	7,150	1,300	15.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,450	5,675	775	12.2	6,550	5,725	825	12.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,175	22,875	5,300	18.8	28,150	22,800	5,350	19.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,225	10,225	2,000	16.3	12,125	10,275	1,850	15.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,625	650	9.1	7,225	6,575	650	8.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,325	11,400	1,925	14.5	13,150	11,275	1,875	14.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,800	6,025	775	11.6	6,825	5,975	850	12.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,200	16,325	875	5.1	18,375	17,450	925	5.0
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,050	5,075	975	16.2	5,875	5,050	825	14.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,550	10,975	1,575	12.6	12,400	10,775	1,625	13.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,275	15,650	1,625	9.4	17,350	15,650	1,700	9.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,675	8,500	1,175	12.3	9,725	8,475	1,250	12.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,900	6,475	1,425	18.1	7,850	6,525	1,325	16.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	3,975	450	9.9	4,375	3,950	425	9.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,825	7,625	1,200	13.7	8,725	7,500	1,225	14.0
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,050	975	9.7	9,875	8,900	975	9.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,025	2,600	425	14.0	3,000	2,600	400	13.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,625	7,275	1,350	15.7	8,550	7,250	1,300	15.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,850	28,750	6,100	17.5	34,400	28,500	5,900	17.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	26,200	20,900	5,300	20.2	26,200	20,675	5,525	21.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,700	34,375	5,325	13.4	39,600	34,475	5,125	13.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,550	3,200	350	9.7	3,525	3,150	375	10.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,400	975	11.5	8,425	7,375	1,050	12.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,300	17,550	3,750	17.6	21,175	17,350	3,825	18.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,600	17,925	1,675	8.5	19,325	17,650	1,675	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,525	16,275	2,250	12.1	18,250	16,125	2,125	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,975	16,500	2,475	13.0	19,000	16,500	2,500	13.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,825	1,050	21.4	5,000	3,800	1,200	24.1
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,800	425	9.9	4,175	3,775	400	9.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,825	5,200	625	10.7	5,775	5,200	575	10.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.1	46.1	45.6	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.8	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.6	0	+ 0.1
Federal	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.9	10.0	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	5.0	5.2	5.0	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,100 for the month of June. This estimate was the same as May and 300 more than June of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during June was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than June of last year. The increase since this month last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,700 during June. This estimate was unchanged since May and 400 more than June of last year. Although the total nonagricultural employment was unchanged since last month, there were some slight changes. Slight gains were recorded in retail trade, federal and state government and with losses occurring in services and local government. Compared to last June changes have occurred in all major segments of nonmanufacturing with the exception of mining and transportation and public utilities.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed is expected to decrease slightly, with a corresponding rise in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.2	213.4	211.1	- 2.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	19.0	18.7	19.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.6	15.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.2	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.7	20.2	19.3	- 0.5	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.6	10.5	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.4	52.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.3	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	41.4	41.3	40.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.4	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.3	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.2	41.9	41.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	52.7	55.3	53.8	- 2.6	- 1.1
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	50.4	53.1	51.5	- 2.7	- 1.1
State	29.0	31.8	29.7	- 2.8	- 0.7
Local	21.4	21.3	21.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$526.18	$520.00	$522.08	42.4	41.6	41.8	$12.41	$12.50	$12.49
Petro-Chemicals	696.85	692.29	720.54	46.8	46.4	48.1	14.89	14.92	14.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 211,200 during June was down 2,200 from the revised May estimate. Manufacturing was up 300 and nonmanufacturing was down 2,500.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in June, was up during the current period. Durable goods increased 100 due to more business in sawmills and planing mills and in millwork, veneer, plywood, and structural wood members manufacturing. Nondurable goods rose due to more business in industrial organic chemicals and in miscellaneous products of petroleum and coal.

Nonmanufacturing employment was down during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase due to more business in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores. Employment in finance, insurance, and real estate rose due to more business in accident and health insurance and medical service plans and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Services were up due to seasonal increases in amusement and recreation services, and more business in nursing and personal care facilities, hospitals, outpatient care facilities, and legal services. Government was down due to seasonal decreases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $526.18, up $6.18 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours at 42.4 were up 0.8 hours and average hourly earnings at $12.41 were down nine cents per hour. More overtime worked by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 238,100 during June, up 1,100 from May's revised total. Unemployment, at 25,400, was up 1,300 during the current period. The unemployment rate for June was 9.7 percent compared to 9.2 percent for May and 11.6 percent for June a year ago. The comparable state rate for June was 11.2 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 263,500 during the current period.

Employment is expected to continue its downward trend while unemployment should remain at its high seasonal level during the next thirty days.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,303 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 365 applicants in jobs during June.

The consumer price index for May, 1987 for all urban consumers was 338.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 333.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.1	54.8	+ 0.4	- 2.3
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.1	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.0	6.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	6.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	3.7	3.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.1	13.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.7	10.5	10.7	+ 0.2	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	8.6	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.8	11.0	- 0.4	- 0.6
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.3	10.5	- 0.4	- 0.6
State	2.8	3.3	2.6	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.0	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in June moved up to 52,500, a level 400 above May. Gains in certain industries offset normal summer decreases in government employment.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in June, an increase of 100 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change over the previous month. Nondurable goods increased 100 due to seasonal increases in the food and kindred industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 800.

Mining showed an increase of 200. Water transportation moved up to the highest level in more than a year. Retail trade showed a gain spread through most segments. Wholesale trade edged up in nondurable goods. State government reflected normal summer downward adjustments in state colleges and universities. Construction remained on the same level. Services held steady. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change.

Estimated unemployment in June moved down to 10,600, a level 900 below May. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 14.6 percent of the labor force compared to 15.7 percent in May and 18.5 percent in June of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 2,194.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. Local government is predicted to exhibit a further seasonal downturn in employment by the public schools. Mining and construction will probably add workers. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(in Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.7	82.5	87.7	+ 0.2	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.7	6.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.1	11.0	11.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.0	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	6.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	21.9	23.9	0	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	5.4	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.4	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	17.0	17.0	18.5	0	- 1.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.6	0	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.6	18.7	0	- 1.1
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.8	12.7	0	+ 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.0	12.0	11.8	0	+ 0.2
State	5.0	5.0	4.2	0	+ 0.8
Local	7.0	7.0	7.6	0	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,700, an increase of 200 from the previous month and 5,000 below June of last year.

Manufacturing increased by 100 from May 1987. The increase was in the durable goods sector.

Mining showed an increase of 100 for June, but this estimate is 500 below the June 1986 figure.

Construction showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but is still down by 600 from this time last year.

Other segments in the economy showed little or no change.

The unemployment rate for the next 30 days should decline as students return to school in August. Employment is expected to remain stable for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	57.5	57.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	10.4	10.3	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.0	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	5.0	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.6	3.8	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.5	14.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.7	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.3	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	2.9	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	10.4	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.7	9.8	10.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
State	3.7	3.6	3.7	+ 0.1	0
Local	7.0	6.2	6.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,800 for June 1987. This estimate is 1,300 more than the May estimate and 1,000 more than June of last year.

The manufacturing sector continued to expand for the month of June, with an increase of 100 in the other durable goods sector. The manufacturing sector has increased 1,800 since June 1986.

Transportation and public utilities showed an increase of 200, but was unchanged from last year. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200, but was down 400 since June 1986.

Government increased by 900 for the month of June. The increase was due to summer youth employed by local government.

Other sectors in the economy showed little or no change.

Employment should slowly increase over the next 30 days, while the unemployment rate should decrease as summer job seekers return to school in the next few months.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	May 1987	June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.1	54.7	56.0	+ 0.4	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.5	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.7	0.6	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.5	2.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.8	15.2	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.8	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.6	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.2	0	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.9	10.3	0	- 0.4
State	3.7	4.5	4.2	- 0.8	- 0.5
Local	6.2	5.4	6.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 400 to an estimated 55,100 during mid-June.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Nonmanufacturing was up 400 over the month. Mining had a gain of 100 as it rose to an estimated 700. Transportation and public utilities, estimated at 2,700, was up 200. Finance, insurance and real estate experienced a gain of 100 to an estimated 4,600. Other segments were unchanged over the month except government, which reflected the completion of the spring semester at educational facilities and the hiring of youths for summer employment on public projects.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to remain relatively stable as outside employment offsets planned lay-offs in trade and manufacturing. Unemployment will remain high, but may move down slightly.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	507.4	507.9	519.9	- 0.5	-12.5
MANUFACTURING	43.3	43.2	43.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	21.1	21.2	20.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.4	12.5	11.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.3	8.4	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.2	22.0	22.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	7.3	7.1	7.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	17.2	16.8	16.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.2	15.8	15.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	23.8	23.2	25.5	+ 0.6	- 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.5	41.4	42.9	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.0	10.9	12.6	+ 0.1	- 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.5	132.5	138.9	0	- 6.4
Wholesale Trade	31.8	31.5	33.7	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	20.2	0	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.2	13.5	+ 0.3	0
Retail Trade	100.7	101.0	105.2	- 0.3	- 4.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.1	33.6	34.1	+ 0.5	0
Banking	7.3	7.2	7.3	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	130.8	132.6	131.7	- 1.8	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	84.2	84.6	86.8	- 0.4	- 2.6
Federal	15.7	15.7	15.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	68.5	68.9	71.2	- 0.4	- 2.7
State	17.7	19.3	18.8	- 1.6	- 1.1
Local	50.8	49.6	52.4	+ 1.2	- 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$423.55	$436.81	$424.54	40.3	40.9	39.9	$10.51	$10.68	$10.64
Durable Goods	368.17	384.68	390.22	37.8	38.7	39.1	9.74	9.94	9.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	308.14	317.12	361.22	31.8	32.0	34.5	9.69	9.91	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	419.73	457.70	409.20	44.7	46.0	40.0	9.39	9.95	10.23
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	346.68	373.23	379.05	36.0	37.7	38.6	9.63	9.90	9.82
Nondurable Goods	476.53	488.05	453.60	42.7	43.0	40.5	11.16	11.35	11.20
Food & Kindred Products	328.94	356.57	284.47	39.3	40.2	36.1	8.37	8.87	7.88
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	167.82	152.40	180.00	33.1	30.0	30.0	5.07	5.08	6.00
Paper & Allied Products	432.44	440.20	430.04	46.7	47.9	45.7	9.26	9.19	9.41
Printing & Publishing	376.32	345.14	359.10	42.0	39.4	37.8	8.96	8.76	9.50
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	696.59	753.42	677.38	44.2	49.6	44.8	15.76	15.19	15.12

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in June decreased to 507,400, down 500 from May. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 12,500 workers, with most industry divisions showing a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,300 in June, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed a decrease of 100 over the previous month due to a decrease in business in the transportation equipment segment. Nondurable goods increased 200 over the previous month. Food and kindred products rose 200 due to a seasonal increase in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 100.

Services fell due to normal summer adjustments in private educational services. The hotel-motel industry showed a sizable decrease. In government, summer layoffs by state colleges and universities were partly offset by hires of summer workers in local government by city and parish administrative services. More favorably, mining moved up. Construction added workers in employment for building construction and special trade contractors. Water transportation edged up. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited gains mostly seasonal in nature. Wholesale trade increased mainly in nondurable goods. Retail trade showed decreases mainly in food stores and general merchandise stores.

Production workers in the area earned an average $423.55 a week in June, down $13.26 from last months average. Average weekly hours were down 36 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings decreased $0.17 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $0.99 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in June eased down to 56,100, a level 400 below May. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared to 9.6 percent in May and 11.4 percent in June of last year. The June rate was lower than the state rate of 11.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 14,063.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months will probably show an overall decrease. Local government is expected to exhibit a further seasonal downturn in employment by the public schools. Mining and construction will likely add workers. Unemployment is expected to decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.2	131.8	135.2	- 1.6	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	18.4	18.3	19.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	13.2	13.0	13.5	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.2	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.4	0	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.8	4.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.3	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.6	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.9	7.7	- 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	8.1	8.4	- 0.2	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.7	29.6	32.5	+ 0.1	- 2.8
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	8.3	0	- 1.0
Retail Trade	22.4	22.3	24.2	+ 0.1	- 1.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.7	7.9	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.5	31.4	32.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	24.1	25.6	24.1	- 1.5	0
Federal	4.8	4.7	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	19.3	20.9	19.6	- 1.6	- 0.3
State	6.1	6.3	5.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	13.2	14.6	13.7	- 1.4	- 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.22	$433.48	$441.69	38.6	38.6	39.9	$11.56	$11.23	$11.07
Lumber and Wood Products	270.66	264.22	227.17	40.7	40.4	38.7	6.65	6.54	5.87
Metals and Machinery	479.99	440.67	439.01	39.8	37.6	40.8	12.06	11.72	10.76
Food and Kindred Products	343.99	376.85	313.25	41.0	42.2	41.6	8.39	8.93	7.53
Printing and Publishing	317.58	326.33	283.98	31.6	32.6	30.8	10.05	10.01	9.22
Petroleum and Coal Products	539.35	604.67	523.71	40.1	50.6	45.5	13.45	11.95	11.51

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Shreveport labor market area was estimated at 130,200 for June, down 1,600 from the revised May estimate and 5,000 less than June 1986. Manufacturing employment increased during June, while nonmanufacturing employment declined.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,400, shows a gain from the revised May estimate of 18,300, but remains 600 less than one year ago. Employment gains in the other durable goods segment resulted from increased production demands and the addition of summer workers.

The most significant change in nonmanufacturing occurred in government as public school payrolls adjusted to summer closings. Government employment dropped from 25,600 in May to 24,100 in June. Construction employment shows a decline from 7,900 to 7,700. Transportation and public utilities employment was reduced to 7,900, down from a revised May estimate of 8,100. Trade and services sectors both experienced employment gains in June. Employment in trade increased from 29,600 to 29,700, while services employment increased from 31,400 to 31,500.

The Shreveport labor market area has an estimated 13,400 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of $446.22, up $12.74 from May and $4.53 more than in June 1986. The average weekly hours were 38.6, unchanged from the previous month and 1.3 hours less than a year ago. Average weekly earnings were $11.56, up from $11.23 last month and $11.07 in June 1986.

The civilian labor force for this area, estimated at 164,300, includes 147,700 employed and 16,600 unemployed. The unemployment rate for June was 10.1 percent.

This area should experience a gradual reduction in unemployment during the summer months. Employment will likely show only minimal improvement during the next two months.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY JULY 1987				REVISED JUNE 1987				REVISED JULY 1986			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,960.0	1,750.1	209.9	10.7	1,963.6	1,741.9	221.7	11.3	1,995.3	1,716.8	278.5	14.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.7	56.1	5.6	9.1	62.2	56.5	5.7	9.1	60.9	54.0	6.9	11.3
Baton Rouge 2/	264.0	239.8	24.2	9.2	264.3	238.6	25.7	9.7	264.3	233.5	30.8	11.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.0	63.1	9.9	13.6	74.1	63.3	10.8	14.5	77.7	63.1	14.6	18.8
Lafayette 4/	100.9	89.7	11.2	11.1	101.2	89.1	12.1	12.0	108.0	91.1	16.9	15.7
Lake Charles 5/	77.5	68.4	9.1	11.7	77.8	68.0	9.8	12.7	76.5	64.7	11.8	15.4
Monroe 6/	70.8	64.4	6.4	9.1	70.6	64.0	6.6	9.4	70.4	63.5	6.9	9.9
New Orleans 7/	605.0	550.2	54.8	9.1	601.3	544.3	57.0	9.5	607.7	539.0	68.7	11.3
Shreveport 8/	164.4	148.1	16.3	9.9	164.6	147.8	16.8	10.2	168.4	148.2	20.2	12.0

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during July totaled 1,484,700, a decrease of 6,100 below the previous month and a decrease of 21,200 below the comparable period a year ago. The decrease in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the government segment. Manufacturing payrolls were down for both the durable and nondurable goods segments.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 74,000, was 700 lower than in June. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products employment. More business for firms that manufacture farm and garden machinery, and construction and related machinery, was responsible for higher payrolls in the machinery, except electrical, industry. Employment in the electric and electronic equipment industry was lower as demand for electric lighting and wiring equipment decreased. Transportation equipment payrolls were down due to less business for the state's shipyards.

Total nondurable goods employment for July, at 92,900, was 600 below June's level, and it was 800 lower than July a year ago. The main force in this month's decrease of nondurable goods employment was a seasonal decline in food and kindred products due to decreased activity in seafood canning. Apparel and other textile products decreased by 100, while paper and allied products, petroleum and coal products and other nondurable goods each increased by 100.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries for July was 1,317,800, down 4,800 from June's revised level and 22,300 below the comparable period a year ago. Increased exploration for oil and gas resulted in higher mining payrolls for July. A slowdown in heavy construction contributed to the decrease in construction. More business for the state's ports contributed to gains in transportation and public utilities employment. Cutbacks in the other retail trade segment of retail trade were significant in the decrease for total trade employment. Finance, insurance and real estate fell by 100. Seasonal decreases in educational services employment resulted in lower payrolls for services this month. Government employment declined primarily as a result of a seasonal decrease in local education.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 120,200 production workers in manufacturing increased from $449.53 in June to $450.05 in July, an increase of $0.52 and an increase of $4.28 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.17 higher in July than last month and $0.26 more than July a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.1 for the current month, down by 0.6 hours from June's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for July totaled 209,900, a decrease of 11,800 from the June revised level of 221,700. The unemployment rate for July was 10.7 percent, compared to 11.3 percent for June and 14.0 percent for July 1986. The national unemployment rate for July was 6.1 percent compared to 6.3 percent in June and 7.0 percent for July of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,963,600 in June to 1,960,000 in July, a decrease of 3,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,741,900 in June to 1,750,100 in July, a gain of 8,200.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to remain fairly stable next month. State and local educational payrolls should increase as schools reopen for the fall semester. Manufacturing employment may fall slightly for August.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change from	
				June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,484.7	1,490.8	1,505.9	- 6.1	-21.2
MINING	60.8	59.5	60.0	+ 1.3	+ 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.9	56.8	57.0	+ 1.1	+ 0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.9	2.7	3.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	83.1	84.1	90.8	- 1.0	- 7.7
MANUFACTURING	166.9	168.2	165.8	- 1.3	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	74.0	74.7	72.1	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.6	0	- 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	6.2	5.9	- 0.4	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.2	12.2	12.7	0	- 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	8.6	8.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.6	7.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	21.8	22.1	19.0	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.0	2.1	2.0	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	92.9	93.5	93.7	- 0.6	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	21.5	21.2	- 0.8	- 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.0	8.1	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	11.9	12.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.1	0	- 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.7	12.6	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.8	11.7	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.9	107.4	108.2	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.7	60.3	60.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	25.1	24.6	24.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.8	41.7	42.4	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.5	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.4	23.2	23.4	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	357.7	358.2	370.0	- 0.5	-12.3
Wholesale Trade	80.6	80.4	84.6	+ 0.2	- 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.8	43.7	47.9	+ 0.1	- 4.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.7	36.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	277.1	277.8	285.4	- 0.7	- 8.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.1	57.2	58.9	- 0.1	- 1.8
Food Stores	56.5	56.3	54.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	29.5	31.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Eating & Drinking Places	82.7	83.0	87.0	- 0.3	- 4.3
Other Retail Trade	50.9	51.8	53.5	- 0.9	- 2.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change from June 1987	Net Change from July 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.7	84.8	86.3	- 0.1	- 1.6
Banking	25.8	25.8	26.9	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	315.7	315.8	316.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.1	22.9	22.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.7	14.8	14.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	54.9	54.5	55.8	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.7	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	9.9	10.6	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Health Services	98.3	97.5	96.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Legal Services	15.5	15.4	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	16.1	17.5	18.1	- 1.4	- 2.0
Social Services	17.8	18.2	17.7	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.9	26.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	16.8	16.6	16.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	307.9	312.8	308.7	- 4.9	- 0.8
Federal	36.4	36.6	36.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
State and Local	271.5	276.2	272.6	- 4.7	- 1.1
State	91.6	92.2	94.7	- 0.6	- 3.1
Local	179.9	184.0	177.9	- 4.1	+ 2.0

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$450.05	$449.53	$445.77	41.1	41.7	41.7	$10.95	$10.78	$10.69
Durable Goods	393.81	400.00	390.98	39.9	40.9	40.6	9.87	9.78	9.63
Lumber & Wood Products	348.93	352.94	338.40	42.5	43.2	42.3	8.21	8.17	8.00
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	370.64	328.52	384.87	40.2	38.2	40.9	9.22	8.60	9.41
Fabricated Metal Products	418.82	460.30	406.85	43.0	48.3	41.9	9.74	9.53	9.71
Machinery, ex. Electrical	409.60	412.13	384.96	42.8	43.2	40.1	9.57	9.54	9.60
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.11	458.80	419.10	36.2	37.0	39.5	12.13	12.40	10.61
Transportation Equipment	401.87	406.62	438.29	36.5	37.1	39.7	11.01	10.96	11.04
Nondurable Goods	499.65	493.96	492.88	42.2	42.4	42.6	11.84	11.65	11.57
Food & Kindred Products	301.36	303.03	310.87	39.6	39.1	39.4	7.61	7.75	7.89
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.05	214.24	194.63	38.4	39.6	37.5	5.47	5.41	5.19
Paper & Allied Products	585.23	569.99	588.25	43.0	42.6	44.7	13.61	13.38	13.16
Printing & Publishing	399.17	385.50	392.27	39.6	38.9	38.8	10.08	9.91	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	697.80	698.14	673.65	45.4	45.6	45.0	15.37	15.31	14.97
Petroleum & Coal Products	695.83	664.44	698.02	46.7	45.2	47.1	14.90	14.70	14.82
Petroleum Refining	707.72	677.24	713.65	46.9	45.3	47.8	15.09	14.95	14.93
MINING	568.34	580.06	553.72	47.8	48.5	47.9	11.89	11.96	11.56
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	508.33	514.17	545.54	39.9	39.4	41.9	12.74	13.05	13.02
BANKING	256.96	255.15	274.18	37.9	38.6	38.4	6.78	6.61	7.14

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 120,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 07 87				REVISED 06 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,300	3,525	14.8	24,025	20,375	3,650	15.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,550	8,350	1,200	12.6	9,600	8,350	1,250	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,725	5,125	1,600	23.8	6,875	5,200	1,675	24.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,150	13,450	2,700	16.7	16,350	13,525	2,825	17.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,375	12,725	1,650	11.5	14,375	12,625	1,750	12.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,950	700	10.6	6,650	5,900	750	11.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,900	550	12.4	4,525	3,900	625	13.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,750	4,375	375	8.0	4,600	4,175	425	9.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,575	3,825	750	16.4	4,725	3,875	850	18.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,800	7,050	750	9.5	7,825	7,025	800	10.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,200	8,850	1,350	13.3	10,325	8,850	1,475	14.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,050	11,575	1,475	11.4	13,125	11,625	1,500	11.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,475	3,650	825	18.5	4,575	3,650	925	20.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,875	7,950	925	10.5	8,800	7,850	950	10.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,800	11,900	1,900	13.9	14,100	11,900	2,200	15.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,225	1,125	13.6	8,600	7,325	1,275	14.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,500	5,750	750	11.5	6,525	5,725	800	12.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,050	23,200	4,850	17.3	28,400	23,050	5,350	18.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,125	1,975	16.3	12,300	10,300	2,000	16.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,250	6,675	575	7.9	7,275	6,625	650	9.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,250	11,375	1,875	14.2	13,425	11,475	1,950	14.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,825	6,125	700	10.2	6,875	6,075	800	11.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,425	16,500	925	5.3	17,300	16,425	875	5.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,050	5,050	1,000	16.6	6,050	5,075	975	16.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,525	11,000	1,525	12.1	12,675	11,075	1,600	12.7
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,300	15,725	1,575	9.1	17,400	15,750	1,650	9.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,675	8,550	1,125	11.6	9,775	8,550	1,225	12.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,825	6,450	1,375	17.5	7,925	6,500	1,425	18.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	4,025	400	9.2	4,450	4,000	450	9.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,850	7,700	1,150	13.1	8,900	7,675	1,225	13.8
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,125	900	9.0	10,050	9,075	975	9.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,975	2,575	400	13.3	3,050	2,625	425	13.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,600	7,250	1,350	15.6	8,675	7,300	1,375	15.7
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,175	28,500	5,675	16.6	35,100	28,950	6,150	17.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,900	20,825	5,075	19.6	26,350	21,025	5,325	20.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,250	35,025	5,225	13.0	40,025	34,625	5,400	13.5
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,175	325	9.2	3,600	3,250	350	9.8
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,325	7,425	900	10.7	8,425	7,450	975	11.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,200	17,725	3,475	16.4	21,475	17,700	3,775	17.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,925	18,325	1,600	8.0	19,800	18,100	1,700	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,450	16,325	2,125	11.5	18,550	16,300	2,250	12.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,975	16,575	2,400	12.7	19,000	16,525	2,475	13.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,850	850	18.0	4,950	3,875	1,075	21.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,850	400	9.4	4,250	3,825	425	10.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,800	5,300	500	8.8	5,850	5,225	625	10.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	46.0	45.3	- 0.5	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.1	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.9	8.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.6	12.1	- 0.5	0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.3	9.8	9.5	- 0.5	- 0.2
State	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Local	4.5	5.0	4.5	- 0.5	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 for the month of July. This estimate was 500 less than June and 200 more than July of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during July was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than July of last year. The increase since last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during July. This estimate was 500 less than June and 100 more than July of last year. The majority of this reduction was in local government, motivated by the annual reduction of personnel in education. Slight gains were recorded in construction and finance with corresponding losses occurring in services and retail trade. Compared to last July nonmanufacturing employment has experienced a slight overall increase. Gains were in retail trade and federal government with losses occurring in transportation and state government.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed and unemployed should remain relatively stable with little change in the unemployment rate.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.6	211.6	210.7	0	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	19.0	19.0	19.1	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	15.0	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.5	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.7	19.9	19.7	- 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.7	10.7	10.3	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.6	51.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	41.4	41.5	40.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	13.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.2	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.4	42.2	41.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	52.8	52.7	53.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	50.6	50.5	51.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State	29.0	29.0	29.2	0	- 0.2
Local	21.6	21.5	21.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$512.93	$525.00	$509.23	41.6	42.0	41.2	$12.33	$12.50	$12.36
Petro-Chemicals	656.21	696.85	685.51	45.1	46.8	46.1	14.55	14.89	14.87

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,600 during July, was unchanged from the revised June total and 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in July, remained steady during the current period; however, compared to the year-ago totals, there was a net loss of 100 jobs. Declines in fabricated metal products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and petroleum products were partially offset by increases in lumber and wood products, other durable goods, and in other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, at 192,600, was unchanged during the current period. Construction employment declined due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Retail trade was down due to less business in eating and drinking places. Services increased due to more business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in personnel supply services, and in hospitals. Government was up due to staff increases in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $512.93, down $12.07 from the revised June average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.4 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.33, were down $0.17 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 239,800 during July, up 1,200 from June's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 24,200, was down 1,500 during the current period. The unemployment rate for July was 9.2 percent, compared to 9.7 percent for June and 11.7 percent for July a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force totaled 264,000 during the current period.

Employment is expected to show little change, while unemployment should start its seasonal decline during the next thirty days as unemployed summer workers withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 6,425 induviduals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,742 applicants in jobs during July.

The consumer price index for June, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 334.9 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.7	54.5	- 0.2	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.4	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
MINING	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.5	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.4	14.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	11.0	10.7	11.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.5	10.7	- 0.5	- 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.5	10.0	10.2	- 0.5	- 0.7
State	2.6	2.9	2.6	- 0.3	0
Local	6.9	7.1	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in July tapered off to 52,500, a level 200 below June. Seasonal decreases in state and local government were mostly responsible.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in July, increasing 100 over the previous month. Durable goods went up 100 due to an increase in business in the machinery sector. Nondurable goods registered no change over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment decreased by 300.

State and local government reflected normal summer downward adjustments in educational services. Construction tapered off, and retail trade added workers in most industries. Mining showed a small gain. Transportation and public utilities showed no significant change. Services held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate remained on the same level.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 9,900, a level 900 below June. A decrease in the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 13.6 percent of the labor force compared to 14.5 percent in June and 18.8 percent in July of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 2,010.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small overall increase. State and local educational services will pull back up to normal levels as the autumn school term begins. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,600 during July, was unchanged from the revised June total and 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in July, remained steady during the current period; however, compared to the year-ago totals, there was a net loss of 100 jobs. Declines in fabricated metal products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and petroleum products were partially offset by increases in lumber and wood products, other durable goods, and in other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, at 192,600, was unchanged during the current period. Construction employment declined due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Retail trade was down due to less business in eating and drinking places. Services increased due to more business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in personnel supply services, and in hospitals. Government was up due to staff increases in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $512.93, down $12.07 from the revised June average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.4 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.33, were down $0.17 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 239,800 during July, up 1,200 from June's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 24,200, was down 1,500 during the current period. The unemployment rate for July was 9.2 percent, compared to 9.7 percent for June and 11.7 percent for July a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force totaled 264,000 during the current period.

Employment is expected to show little change, while unemployment should start its seasonal decline during the next thirty days as unemployed summer workers withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 6,425 induviduals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,742 applicants in jobs during July.

The consumer price index for June, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 334.9 using base period 1967=100.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.2	86.2	+ 0.2	- 3.8
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.8	5.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.2	11.0	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.0	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.0	22.0	23.6	0	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	5.3	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	17.1	17.1	18.3	0	- 1.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.4	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.7	18.7	- 0.1	- 1.1
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.2	12.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.4	11.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
State	4.3	4.3	3.9	0	+ 0.4
Local	7.5	7.1	7.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400 for July 1987. This estimate is 200 more than June's estimate but 3,800 less than July of last year.

The manufacturing sector showed a decrease of 100 from June's estimate and was 200 below July 1986.

Mining showed a decrease of 200 for July due primarily to a major oil company relocating personnel to other parts of the state.

Construction and transportation and public utilities both rose slightly from last month's estimate.

Government increased by 400 from the previous month due to summer youth employment by local government.

All other sectors showed little or no change for the month of July.

Employment should remain stable for the next 30 days. The unemployment rate should decrease as summer job seekers return to the classroom.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.3	59.0	57.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	10.5	10.4	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.8	13.9	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.3	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.7	0.6	0.7	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	10.7	10.7	10.2	0	+ 0.5
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	6.6	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,300, an increase of 300 from the previous month and 1,700 above July of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to expand for the fourth consecutive month with an increase of 100 in the other durable goods sector.

Services showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but is still 200 below the July 1986 estimate.

Government showed a minimal increase for the month of July, but is 500 above last year's estimate due to summer youth employment.

All other sectors showed no change.

Retail trade for the next couple of months should increase due to back-to-school sales increasing employment in that sector. The unemployment rate should decrease as students and school employees return for the fall session.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From	
				June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.3	55.4	56.2	- 0.1	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	7.0	7.2	7.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.3	2.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.1	2.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.7	0.7	0.4	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.1	3.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	15.1	15.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.9	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.3	11.4	11.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.6	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.0	10.5	10.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.4	9.9	10.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
State	3.9	3.7	4.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Local	6.5	6.2	6.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 55,300, was down 100 from the June estimate of 55,400.

Manufacturing was down by 200 with the loss confined to nondurable goods.

Construction was down 200. Transportation and public utilities, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance and real estate each showed nominal losses of 100. Services was up 100. Government, up 500, reflected the hiring of summer youths in special government projects. Mining was unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to decline slightly or remain relatively stable as government special programs end and other outside activities are aided by favorable weather conditions. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.7	508.7	515.9	+ 3.0	- 4.2
MANUFACTURING	43.1	43.8	43.0	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	21.0	21.4	20.8	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.7	12.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.6	8.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.1	22.4	22.2	- 0.3	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.9	7.3	6.6	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	17.3	17.0	16.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.3	16.0	15.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.9	24.0	25.9	- 0.1	- 2.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.6	42.2	43.5	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.9	11.5	12.3	+ 0.4	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.5	132.9	137.1	- 0.4	- 4.6
Wholesale Trade	31.6	32.0	33.3	- 0.4	- 1.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.2	18.4	19.7	- 0.2	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.6	13.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	100.9	100.9	103.8	0	- 2.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.8	34.0	34.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	130.0	130.9	130.8	- 0.9	- 0.8
GOVERNMENT	88.5	83.9	85.4	+ 4.6	+ 3.1
Federal	15.6	15.5	15.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	72.9	68.4	69.9	+ 4.5	+ 3.0
State	17.9	17.6	19.1	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Local	55.0	50.8	50.8	+ 4.2	+ 4.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$432.89	$425.89	$444.29	40.8	40.6	41.1	$10.61	$10.49	$10.81
Durable Goods	376.11	372.24	400.20	38.3	38.1	40.1	9.82	9.77	9.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	317.49	300.08	359.63	32.2	31.0	36.4	9.86	9.68	9.88
Fabricated Metal Products	449.79	424.09	418.65	47.0	44.5	43.7	9.57	9.53	9.58
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	329.97	347.64	382.00	34.3	36.1	38.9	9.62	9.63	9.82
Nondurable Goods	486.60	478.16	485.83	43.1	43.0	42.1	11.29	11.12	11.54
Food & Kindred Products	332.86	331.93	305.16	40.2	39.8	36.9	8.28	8.34	8.27
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	173.73	175.08	185.72	33.8	33.8	30.8	5.14	5.18	6.03
Paper & Allied Products	433.24	432.44	459.11	45.7	46.7	46.8	9.48	9.26	9.81
Printing & Publishing	385.78	371.49	380.97	42.3	41.6	41.5	9.12	8.93	9.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	741.21	715.92	694.35	46.5	45.6	45.0	15.94	15.70	15.43

* Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in July increased to 511,700, a level 3,000 above June. Hires of summer workers by local government offset decreases elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 4,200 workers. Trade, construction, services, and transportation and public utilities showed the largest decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100 in July, down 700 from the previous month. Durable goods showed a decrease of 400 over the previous month. The decrease was due to less business in the transportation and equipment segment and completion of government contracts in the ship and boatbuilding and repair segment. Nondurable goods decreased 300 over the previous month. Food and kindred products decreased 400 due to a decline in seafood processing. Other nondurable goods increased 100 due to an increase in business in this segment. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment increased by 100.

Local government was boosted by hires of temporary summer workers, which prevented an overall decrease in total employment. Both mining and water transportation added workers. Less favorably, construction eased down. Wholesale trade effected layoffs in both the durable goods and nondurable goods segments. Retail trade held steady. Services were lowered by normal summer downward adjustments in private educational services. Employment by insurance carriers tapered off.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $432.89 per week in July, up $7.00 from last months average. Average weekly hours went up 12 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went up $0.12 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $11.40 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 54,800, a level of 2,200 below June. The increase in employment was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.1 percent of the labor force compared to 9.5 percent in June and 11.3 percent in July of last year. The July rate was lower than the state rate of 10.7 percent. Recipients of regualr unemployment insurance benefits numbered 13,870.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months will probably show an overall decrease. Layoffs of workers hired temporarily for the summer will lower local government. An increase in both private and public educational services at the beginning of the autumn school term will probably offset most of this loss. Unemployment is expected to decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	129.5	130.1	133.6	- 0.6	- 4.1
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.5	19.1	- 0.4	- 1.0
Durable Goods	12.9	13.3	13.6	- 0.4	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.5	7.8	8.2	- 0.3	- 0.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.7	1.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	6.1	6.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.6	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	7.7	8.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.5	0	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.7	29.6	31.6	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	22.4	22.3	23.9	+ 0.1	- 1.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.6	7.6	7.8	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.7	31.6	32.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	23.3	24.0	22.9	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Federal	4.7	4.8	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	18.6	19.2	18.4	- 0.6	+ 0.2
State	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 0.2
Local	12.6	13.2	12.2	- 0.6	+ 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$441.52	$448.13	$430.45	38.9	38.9	39.6	$11.35	$11.52	$10.87
Lumber and Wood Products	266.56	270.66	279.91	38.8	40.7	42.8	6.87	6.65	6.54
Metals and Machinery	457.08	479.99	383.77	39.0	39.8	39.2	11.72	12.06	9.79
Food and Kindred Products	308.90	343.99	306.68	39.4	41.0	41.0	7.84	8.39	7.48
Printing and Publishing	310.53	304.33	292.67	33.0	31.9	32.7	9.41	9.54	8.95
Petroleum and Coal Products	577.36	572.36	519.72	46.3	44.3	42.6	12.47	12.92	12.20

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Shreveport labor market area dropped to 129,500, down from the revised June estimate of 130,100 and the year-ago estimate of 133,600. Employment losses occurred in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries during the past month.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,100, decreased from the revised June estimate of 18,500. These job losses indicate a general decline in the manufacturing of durable goods. Instrumental in this decrease were losses in the primary and fabricated metal products segment.

Construction employment increased from 7,700 in June to 8,000 in July. Additional small gains occurred in trade, from 22,300 to 22,400. Services employment changed only slightly from 31,600 to 31,700. Government employment continues to show a seasonal decline due to local and state schools closing for the summer. Local government employment dropped from 13,200 in June to 12,600 in July.

This area had 13,500 production workers with average weekly earnings of $441.52, down $6.61 from the June average. Average weekly hours of 38.9 are unchanged from the previous month, while the average hourly earnings fell slightly to $11.35, only $0.17 less than in June, 1987.

The civilian labor force for this labor market area, estimated at 164,400, is comprised of 148,100 employed and 16,300 unemployed. The July unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

No significant changes are expected in this area during the next month. Total nonagricultural employment and unemployment will remain near the current level.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1987				REVISED JULY 1987				REVISED AUGUST 1986			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,961.6	1,759.2	202.4	10.3	1,956.0	1,744.1	211.9	10.8	2,003.5	1,727.6	275.9	13.8
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.7	56.3	5.4	8.7	61.4	55.7	5.7	9.3	61.8	55.0	6.8	11.0
Baton Rouge 2/	265.4	241.9	23.5	8.9	264.3	239.8	24.5	9.3	262.7	233.2	29.5	11.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.2	63.0	9.2	12.7	72.8	62.9	9.9	13.6	77.8	62.4	15.4	19.8
Lafayette 4/	100.6	89.9	10.7	10.6	100.3	89.0	11.3	11.2	108.1	90.8	17.3	16.0
Lake Charles 5/	76.7	67.9	8.8	11.5	77.8	68.7	9.1	11.8	76.0	64.6	11.4	15.0
Monroe 6/	70.3	64.2	6.1	8.6	70.5	64.0	6.5	9.2	70.4	63.6	6.8	9.6
New Orleans 7/	604.7	550.6	54.1	9.0	602.5	546.9	55.6	9.2	610.6	540.5	70.1	11.5
Shreveport 8/	163.5	148.1	15.4	9.4	164.9	148.5	16.4	9.9	168.5	148.9	19.6	11.6

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,483,600 for August, a decrease of 3,300 from July's revised level and 16,000 lower than August a year ago. A decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing payrolls was responsible for the downturn in total nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 75,200 for August, was 1,000 higher than July's figure and 3,200 more than the year-ago figure. Fabricated metal products employment increased by 400 for August as a result of an increase in the manufacture of certain miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Payrolls were up in the machinery, except electrical, industry due to increased demands for oil field machinery and equipment. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to increased activity at the state's shipyards.

Nondurable goods employment, at 92,900, showed no net change from last month. A seasonal decrease in the canning of seafood primarily accounted for the downturn in food and kindred products. More business in several segments of the chemicals and allied products sector resulted in higher employment for this industry.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,315,500, was 4,300 below last month's level of 1,319,800, and 18,200 workers below the August 1986 figure. Both segments of mining contributed equally to the decrease in mining employment this month. An increase in activity in heavy construction and in certain miscellaneous special trade contractors accounted for the increase in total construction payrolls. Less business for the state's ports was largely responsible for the downturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment was up as a result of increased hiring in the retail trade segment. Banking was among the many segments of finance, insurance and real estate that lost employment in August. Among the segments of services contributing to payroll gains in this area of nonmanufacturing were business services and educational services. Government employment was down due to a decrease in local government payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 121,500 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $450.17 in July to $449.28 in August, a decrease of $0.89 but an increase of $7.45 above August of last year. Average hourly earnings were ten cents lower in August than last month and $0.23 higher than August a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 for the current month, up by 0.3 hours from July's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for August totaled 202,400, a decrease of 9,500 from July's revised level of 211,900. The unemployment rate for August was 10.3 percent, compared to 10.8 percent for July and 13.8 percent for August 1986. The national unemployment rate for August was 5.8 percent compared to 6.1 percent in July and 6.7 percent for August of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,956,000 in July to 1,961,600 in August, an increase of 5,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,744,100 in July to 1,759,200 in August, a gain of 15,100.

The state's unemployment rate should continue to decline for the next thirty days. Nonmanufacturing employment may increase while manufacturing employment may fall.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change from July 1987	Net Change from August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,483.6	1,486.9	1,499.6	- 3.3	-16.0
MINING	60.4	60.6	59.8	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.6	57.7	56.9	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	85.0	83.9	91.3	+ 1.1	- 6.3
MANUFACTURING	168.1	167.1	165.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Durable Goods	75.2	74.2	72.0	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.3	12.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	8.7	8.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.4	7.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	22.5	22.1	19.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.0	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	92.9	92.9	93.9	0	- 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	20.5	20.8	21.5	- 0.3	- 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	7.9	8.0	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	12.0	12.1	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.7	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.4	25.2	26.0	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.8	12.7	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.8	107.3	105.8	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.8	60.2	57.9	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Water Transportation	24.0	24.6	22.6	- 0.6	+ 1.4
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.7	42.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.4	18.9	0	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.2	23.3	23.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	359.4	359.2	367.6	+ 0.2	- 8.2
Wholesale Trade	80.4	80.8	83.6	- 0.4	- 3.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.8	44.0	47.1	- 0.2	- 3.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.8	36.5	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	279.0	278.4	284.0	+ 0.6	- 5.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.4	58.1	59.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Food Stores	56.5	56.8	54.5	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.1	29.9	31.1	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	82.8	82.6	86.4	+ 0.2	- 3.6
Other Retail Trade	51.2	51.0	52.8	+ 0.2	- 1.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change from July 1987	Net Change from August 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.3	84.6	85.9	- 0.3	- 1.6
Banking	25.6	25.7	26.6	- 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	316.1	315.6	315.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Business Services	55.5	54.9	55.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.0	6.9	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	10.4	10.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Health Services	98.2	98.1	96.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Legal Services	15.5	15.5	14.7	0	+ 0.8
Educational Services	16.7	16.1	18.3	+ 0.6	- 1.6
Social Services	17.5	17.6	17.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.8	26.6	- 0.2	- 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	16.4	16.5	16.4	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	303.5	308.6	307.4	- 5.1	- 3.9
Federal	36.2	36.3	35.8	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	267.3	272.3	271.6	- 5.0	- 4.3
State	91.3	92.4	94.0	- 1.1	- 2.7
Local	176.0	179.9	177.6	- 3.9	- 1.6

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* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$449.28	$450.17	$441.83	41.6	41.3	41.8	$10.80	$10.90	$10.57
Durable Goods	401.53	394.36	395.50	40.6	40.2	41.5	9.89	9.81	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	349.43	348.08	345.82	42.1	42.5	42.8	8.30	8.19	8.08
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	357.24	370.37	368.77	39.3	40.7	38.9	9.09	9.10	9.48
Fabricated Metal Products	409.78	425.39	392.26	41.9	43.9	43.2	9.78	9.69	9.08
Machinery, ex. Electrical	420.34	407.12	393.74	44.2	42.9	41.1	9.51	9.49	9.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	454.96	439.11	476.51	37.2	36.2	41.4	12.23	12.13	11.51
Transportation Equipment—	434.66	404.43	429.52	39.3	36.6	41.3	11.06	11.05	10.40
Nondurable Goods	492.15	498.38	482.47	42.5	42.2	42.1	11.58	11.81	11.46
Food & Kindred Products	308.83	302.12	330.96	39.9	39.7	42.0	7.74	7.61	7.88
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.37	206.98	184.60	38.4	38.4	34.7	5.27	5.39	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	548.66	585.23	559.21	42.4	43.0	42.3	12.94	13.61	13.22
Printing & Publishing	385.92	396.58	396.08	39.1	39.5	39.1	9.87	10.04	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	690.48	701.16	661.72	45.1	45.5	44.5	15.31	15.41	14.87
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.81	693.32	670.76	45.9	46.5	46.1	14.68	14.91	14.55
Petroleum Refining	684.83	705.17	682.62	45.9	46.7	46.5	14.92	15.10	14.68
MINING	551.59	566.91	543.35	48.3	47.8	46.8	11.42	11.86	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.80	522.10	520.66	40.0	40.1	40.9	13.27	13.02	12.73
BANKING	262.75	257.94	264.32	39.1	38.1	38.7	6.72	6.77	6.83

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 08 87				REVISED 07 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,425	3,400	14.3	23,700	20,175	3,525	14.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,625	8,475	1,150	11.9	9,600	8,375	1,225	12.8
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,625	5,150	1,475	22.2	6,700	5,100	1,600	24.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,875	14,175	2,700	16.0	16,200	13,500	2,700	16.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,425	12,875	1,550	10.8	14,425	12,750	1,675	11.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,675	6,000	675	10.1	6,625	5,925	700	10.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,525	4,000	525	11.7	4,450	3,900	550	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,725	4,400	325	7.0	4,750	4,375	375	8.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,675	3,950	725	15.3	4,575	3,825	750	16.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,825	7,125	700	9.1	7,725	6,975	750	9.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,300	9,025	1,275	12.5	10,150	8,800	1,350	13.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,950	11,550	1,400	10.7	12,975	11,500	1,475	11.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,425	3,775	650	14.8	4,450	3,625	825	18.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,950	8,050	900	10.0	8,850	7,900	950	10.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,050	12,175	1,875	13.4	13,725	11,825	1,900	13.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,475	7,375	1,100	13.0	8,325	7,175	1,150	13.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,975	725	10.7	6,500	5,750	750	11.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,900	23,375	4,525	16.2	27,975	23,075	4,900	17.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,025	10,175	1,850	15.4	12,075	10,100	1,975	16.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,375	6,825	550	7.4	7,250	6,675	575	8.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,550	11,750	1,800	13.3	13,250	11,325	1,925	14.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,900	6,200	700	10.0	6,825	6,100	725	10.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,325	16,475	850	4.9	17,325	16,400	925	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,200	5,225	975	15.7	6,075	5,075	1,000	16.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,650	11,175	1,475	11.7	12,475	10,950	1,525	12.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,400	15,900	1,500	8.6	17,225	15,625	1,600	9.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,700	8,650	1,050	11.0	9,675	8,525	1,150	11.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,850	6,550	1,300	16.7	7,800	6,425	1,375	17.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,500	4,075	425	9.4	4,425	4,000	425	9.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,925	1,100	12.1	8,825	7,650	1,175	13.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,175	850	8.4	10,025	9,125	900	9.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,050	2,675	375	12.3	2,975	2,575	400	13.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,700	7,275	1,425	16.3	8,575	7,225	1,350	15.7
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,375	28,800	5,575	16.2	34,050	28,325	5,725	16.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,650	21,000	4,650	18.1	25,825	20,750	5,075	19.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,525	35,425	5,100	12.6	40,100	34,825	5,275	13.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,575	3,275	300	8.5	3,475	3,150	325	9.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,600	850	10.0	8,275	7,375	900	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,100	17,850	3,250	15.5	21,100	17,625	3,475	16.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	20,275	18,750	1,525	7.6	19,975	18,350	1,625	8.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,700	16,625	2,075	11.1	18,450	16,325	2,125	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,050	16,750	2,300	12.0	19,050	16,625	2,425	12.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,950	4,125	825	16.6	4,675	3,825	850	18.3
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,900	350	8.5	4,225	3,825	400	9.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,775	5,275	500	8.6	5,800	5,275	525	9.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From	
				July 1987	August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.6	45.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.9	11.0	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	4.5	4.6	4.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.5	9.3	9.6	+ 0.2	- 0.1
State	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Local	4.7	4.5	4.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 for the month of August. This estimate was 100 less than July and 200 more than August of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during August was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than August of last year. The increase since August of last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during August. This estimate was 100 less than July and 100 more than August of last year. Since last month slight losses occurred in retail trade, health services, and federal government. Increased employment occurred in local education. Compared to last August, nonmanufacturing employment has experienced an increase. Gains occurred in wholesale and retail trade and federal government, while transportation and state government showed reductions.

The local unemployment rate should decline during the next thirty days as summer job seekers return to school, and employment in education returns to its normal level for the fall semester.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.8	211.8	210.6	0	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	19.1	18.9	18.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.3	4.1	4.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.8	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	14.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.9	1.8	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.4	10.3	10.4	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.9	19.7	20.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.1	52.8	52.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.6	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	42.0	41.7	41.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	14.0	0	- 0.5
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	42.1	42.5	41.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	52.5	52.7	52.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
State and Local	50.4	50.6	50.5	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	28.8	29.0	28.8	- 0.2	0
Local	21.6	21.6	21.7	0	- 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$502.53	$513.52	$514.60	41.6	42.3	41.5	$12.08	$12.14	$12.40
Petro-Chemicals	677.97	656.21	706.10	46.5	45.1	46.7	14.58	14.55	15.12

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,800 during August, was unchanged from the revised July total and up 1,200 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,100 in August was up 200 during the current period. Fabricated metal products were up due to more business in fabricated structural metal products and in miscellaneous fabricated metal products. Other durable goods were up due to more business in secondary smelting and refining of nonferrous metals and in miscellaneous machinery, except electrical. Food and kindred products were down due to less business in dairy products and in miscellaneous food preparations and kindred products. Chemical and petroleum products were up due to more business in industrial organic chemicals.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 200 during August. Construction was up due to more business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities were down due to students returning to school. Retail trade was up due to the opening of a new grocery store and more business in eating and drinking places. Services were down due to less business in personnel supply services, in miscellaneous repair shops and related services, and seasonal declines in amusement and recreation services. Government was down due to additional seasonal decreases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $502.53, down $10.99 from the revised July average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.7 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.08, were down six cents per hour. Less overtime at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 241,900 during August, up 1,100 from July's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 23,500, was down 1,000 during the current period. The unemployment rate for August was 8.9 percent, compared to 9.3 percent for July and 11.2 percent for August a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force was 264,300 during the current period.

Seasonal increases in retail trade and education are expected to raise employment levels during the coming month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,911 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,994 applicants in jobs during August.

The consumer price index for July, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.8 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 335.6 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.6	52.8	53.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	5.1	0	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	3.1	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	2.0	0	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.3	6.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.4	1.7	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Water Transportation	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.8	13.7	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	11.2	11.2	10.7	0	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.4	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	8.7	8.6	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	9.9	10.1	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.4	9.6	9.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
State	2.5	2.6	2.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	6.9	7.0	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in August tapered off to 52,600, a level 200 below July. Changes were scattered and minor.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300 in August. There were no changes in either durable goods or nondurable goods over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment decreased 800.

State and local government exhibited further summer downward adjustments in educational services. Mining eased down. Water transportation showed a small decrease. More favorably, services were boosted by a small gain in private health services. Both wholesale and retail trade held steady. Construction displayed no significant change. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained at the same level.

Estimated unemployment in August moved down to 9,200; this figure is 700 below that of July. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 12.7 percent of the labor force compared to 13.6 percent in July and 19.8 percent in August of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 1,710.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a seasonal increase. Both state and local educational services will pull back up from the summer low. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.7	59.7	56.9	- 1.0	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	11.0	10.9	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.8	10.9	0	- 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.5	11.4	10.5	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	9.8	10.7	9.8	- 0.9	0
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.1	7.0	6.2	- 0.9	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,700, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous month, but 1,800 above August of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to grow with an increase of 100 in other durable goods.

Transportation and public utilities, as well as the wholesale and retail trade sector, decreased by 100 from last month. Government dropped by 900 due to summer youth employment ending in the month of August.

All other sectors showed no change.

Employment in the Lake Charles LMA should increase and the unemployment rate should decrease due to seasonal employment factors.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.2	84.9	+ 0.2	- 2.5
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.7	5.7	0	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	2.9	3.8	+ 0.3	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	6.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	21.8	22.9	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	16.9	16.9	17.8	0	- 0.9
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.2	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.9	17.8	18.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.6	12.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.6	11.8	11.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.5	7.3	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400 for August 1987. This estimate is 200 more than July's estimate but is 2,500 less than August of last year.

Construction was the only sector that showed a sizable gain of 300 for August. This figure is still 600 below August 1986. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 from July's estimate but showed a 100 drop from August 1986 estimates. Services increased by 100 for August but showed a decrease of 100 from this time last year. Government decreased by 200 from July's estimate and is also down by 200 from August 1986.

All other sectors showed little or no change from last month's estimates.

Employment should increase slightly over the next 30 days due to seasonal hiring in the trade and construction sectors, and the unemployment rate should continue to decrease.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From	
				July 1987	August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.5	55.4	55.3	- 0.9	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.0	7.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.7	0.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.9	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	15.0	15.6	- 0.3	- 0.9
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.9	11.3	11.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.7	3.0	3.4	- 0.3	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.8	11.2	10.0	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.6	9.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	4.2	4.1	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	6.0	6.5	5.6	- 0.5	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,500, was 900 below the July estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was 100 above the July estimate. The gain was in durable goods.

Government, with a loss of 400 workers, reflects the end of special summer programs for youth. Wholesale and retail trade lost 300 workers as summer workers left to return to school. Construction experienced a minimal loss of 100. Mining lost 200 persons over the month but remained 100 over the year ago figure. Services was down 100.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment should move slightly upward with the beginning of the fall semester at educational facilities. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.0	510.7	513.4	+ 1.3	- 1.4
MANUFACTURING	42.0	42.2	43.3	- 0.2	- 1.3
Durable Goods	20.7	20.6	21.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.2	12.1	12.2	+ 0.1	0
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.3	21.6	22.3	- 0.3	- 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	6.2	6.6	6.6	- 0.4	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	17.0	17.1	16.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.0	16.1	15.1	- 0.1	+ 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	23.8	25.6	+ 0.5	- 1.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.3	42.4	43.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.2	11.5	11.9	- 0.3	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.4	132.6	136.4	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Wholesale Trade	31.5	31.7	33.0	- 0.2	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.1	18.3	19.5	- 0.2	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.4	13.5	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	101.9	100.9	103.4	+ 1.0	- 1.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.8	34.0	- 0.4	- 0.6
Banking	7.1	7.2	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	131.4	130.3	130.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	88.2	88.5	84.5	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Federal	15.5	15.6	15.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	72.7	72.9	69.3	- 0.2	+ 3.4
State	17.9	17.9	19.2	0	- 1.3
Local	54.8	55.0	50.1	- 0.2	+ 4.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$439.85	$433.30	$439.90	41.3	40.8	41.5	$10.65	$10.62	$10.60
Durable Goods	390.85	372.40	395.60	39.6	38.0	40.7	9.87	9.80	9.72
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	278.02	317.49	346.75	28.9	32.2	33.6	9.62	9.86	10.32
Fabricated Metal Products	436.55	442.17	459.36	44.5	46.3	44.0	9.81	9.55	10.44
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	372.09	329.97	367.85	38.8	34.3	41.1	9.59	9.62	8.95
Nondurable Goods	487.19	490.42	481.08	43.0	43.4	42.2	11.33	11.30	11.40
Food & Kindred Products	357.25	337.40	349.76	41.3	40.7	39.7	8.65	8.29	8.81
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	163.85	173.69	154.33	33.1	34.6	26.7	4.95	5.02	5.78
Paper & Allied Products	388.08	433.24	395.47	44.1	45.7	42.8	8.80	9.48	9.24
Printing & Publishing	367.20	383.53	395.17	40.8	42.1	42.4	9.00	9.11	9.32
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	730.94	761.53	698.20	46.0	47.3	46.3	15.89	16.10	15.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in August increased to 512,000, a level 1,300 above July. The gain was largely in retail trade, services, and construction. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 1,400 workers, with all but a small part of the decrease in manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,000 in August, down 200 from the previous month. Durable goods showed an increase of 100 over the previous month. The increase was due to an increase in business in the transportation equipment segment. Nondurable goods showed a decrease of 400 in food and kindred products due to a seasonal downturn in seafood processing. Petroleum and coal products increased 100 due to more business in this segment. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,300.

Services were boosted by gains in most segments of this industry division. Retail trade pushed up strongly. Construction added workers. Less favorably, finance, insurance and real estate made downward adjustments. Mining tapered off. Water transportation moved down to a lower level. Government showed normal late summer changes.

Production workers in the area earned an overage of $439.85 per week in August, up $6.55 from last months average. Average weekly hours went up 30 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went up three cents over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down five cents in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in August decreased to 54,100, a level 1,500 below July. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.0 percent of the labor force compared to 9.2 percent in July and 11.5 percent in July of last year. The August rate was lower than the state rate of 10.3 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 13,305.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming month will probably show a seasonal increase. Private and public educational services will pull back up from the summer low. Retail trade will benefit from back-to-school shopping. Services will be favored by autumn sports and cultural events. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1987*	July 1987**	August 1986**	Net Change From July 1987	Net Change From August 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	129.0	129.9	134.0	- 0.9	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	18.4	18.4	19.0	0	- 0.6
Durable Goods	13.2	13.1	13.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.1	0	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.3	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	3.3	3.2	3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	8.2	8.0	8.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.6	0	- 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.9	29.7	31.7	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.3	7.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Retail Trade	22.7	22.4	23.9	+ 0.3	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.6	7.6	7.8	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.5	31.7	31.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	22.2	23.4	23.6	- 1.2	- 1.4
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.5	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	17.5	18.7	19.1	- 1.2	- 1.6
State	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 0.2
Local	11.4	12.6	12.8	- 1.2	- 1.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**	August '87*	July '87**	August '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.01	$441.52	$452.23	39.4	38.9	41.0	$11.32	$11.35	$11.03
Lumber and Wood Products	262.41	266.56	242.45	36.7	38.8	37.3	7.15	6.87	6.50
Metals and Machinery	464.49	457.08	439.32	39.7	39.0	42.0	11.70	11.72	10.46
Food and Kindred Products	255.25	308.90	318.16	35.5	39.4	41.0	7.19	7.84	7.76
Printing and Publishing	310.75	310.53	303.12	33.2	33.0	33.2	9.36	9.41	9.13
Petroleum and Coal Products	564.98	577.36	522.76	46.5	46.3	43.6	12.15	12.47	11.99

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate for the Shreveport labor market area was 129,000, compared to the revised July estimate of 129,900 and the August 1986 estimate of 134,000.

The manufacturing employment estimate of 18,400 remained unchanged from the revised July total, but is 600 less than the year ago estimate. The job losses that occurred during the past year were equally divided between durable and nondurable goods manufacturing. Durable goods employment, at 13,200, was down from 13,500 one year ago due to less demand for lumber and wood products and metals and machinery products. For the same period, nondurable goods employment declined from 5,500 to 5,200, due to decreased production of petroleum products, and decreases in printing and publishing and food and kindred products manufacturing.

Employment gains occurred in mining, up from 3,200 in July to 3,300 for August, while construction increased from 8,000 to 8,200. Total trade employment increased from 29,700 to 29,900 during the past month. Payroll reductions in the local government and services sectors were more than enough to offset those gains. Payroll reductions in the public schools resulted in the most significant employment change.

The 13,700 production workers in manufacturing in this area had average weekly earnings of $446.01, an increase of $4.49 from last month, but $6.22 less than one year ago. The average weekly hours of 39.4 are up 0.5 hours from last month and 1.6 hours down from August 1986. Average weekly earnings, at $11.32, are three cents less than last month but $0.29 more than one year ago.

Seasonal changes will bring about increased employment, while unemployment drops from the present level. Educational services should return to normal as the 1987-88 school year begins. New industry will bring about small gains in manufacturing employment.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,785	2,378	407	40	32	8	32	23	9
Contractural Construction (15-17)	13,455	9,787	3,668	226	193	33	2,523	1,946	577
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,487	3,031	2,456	83	47	36	299	171	128
Trans., Comm., & Utilties (40-49)	2,774	1,700	1,074	52	40	12	265	152	113
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,723	1,162	561	79	61	18	214	127	87
Retail Trade (52-59)	8,820	5,352	3,468	272	191	81	858	499	359
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,675	1,303	372	28	23	5	251	188	63
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	12,472	6,709	5,763	479	226	253	1,430	782	648
Public Administration (91-97)	1,989	954	1,035	67	32	35	244	111	133
All Others	287	142	145	1	1	0	83	29	54
Totals	51,467	32,518	18,949	1,327	846	481	6,199	4,028	2,171
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	7,268	5,615	1,653	241	161	80	937	687	250
Clerical and Sales	11,617	8,369	3,248	359	284	75	1,359	917	442
Services Occupations	6,427	1,933	4,494	248	61	187	653	189	464
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	449	208	241	20	10	10	13	10	3
Processing Occupations	1,088	502	586	11	8	3	81	36	45
Machine Trades	2,181	1,566	615	63	50	13	240	186	54
Benchwork Occupations	1,493	708	785	21	12	9	69	51	18
Structural Work Occupations	13,162	9,219	3,943	230	180	50	2,242	1,644	598
Miscellaneous Occupations	7,782	4,398	3,384	134	80	54	605	308	297
Totals	51,467	32,518	18,949	1,327	846	481	6,199	4,028	2,171

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	241	215	26	442	373	69	61	53	8
Contractural Construction (15-17)	399	318	81	405	290	115	1,150	966	184
Manufacturing (20-29)	318	238	80	203	133	70	123	93	30
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	173	145	28	117	90	27	126	82	44
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	101	74	27	117	88	29	62	56	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	345	262	83	537	340	197	355	259	96
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	37	34	3	112	92	20	41	36	5
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	323	240	83	539	368	171	339	218	121
Public Administration (91-97)	107	60	47	85	45	40	43	32	11
All Others	13	11	2	15	12	3	2	1	1
Totals	2,057	1,597	460	2,572	1,831	741	2,302	1,796	506
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	261	239	22	454	394	60	243	206	37
Clerical and Sales	366	315	51	697	576	121	433	355	78
Services Occupations	225	109	116	324	122	202	190	79	111
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	21	13	8	30	21	9	12	8	4
Processing Occupations	109	64	45	50	26	24	49	28	21
Machine Trades	73	61	12	116	86	30	73	64	9
Benchwork Occupations	19	16	3	54	41	13	31	25	6
Structural Work Occupations	563	459	104	425	285	140	990	847	143
Miscellaneous Occupations	420	321	99	422	280	142	281	184	97
Totals	2,057	1,597	460	2,572	1,831	741	2,302	1,796	506

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1987

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	23	22	1	297	225	72	162	139	23
Contractural Construction (15-17)	400	309	91	3,161	2,047	1,114	506	311	195
Manufacturing (20-29)	145	95	50	1,533	791	742	499	289	210
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	65	35	30	1,186	599	587	177	102	75
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	32	25	7	532	313	219	185	143	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	393	262	131	2,973	1,513	1,460	852	493	359
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	53	46	7	683	485	198	168	131	37
Service & Miscellaneous (70-89 and 01-09)	302	167	135	4,713	2,293	2,420	913	457	456
Public Administration (91-97)	30	15	15	472	168	304	185	77	108
All Others	7	2	5	84	36	48	9	3	6
Totals	1,450	978	472	15,634	8,470	7,164	3,656	2,145	1,511
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	250	199	51	2,572	1,964	608	505	408	97
Clerical and Sales	418	323	95	4,002	2,527	1,475	1,100	816	284
Services Occupations	151	40	111	2,448	547	1,901	558	125	433
Agri., Fishery, Forestry & Related Occ.	12	5	7	71	31	40	47	17	30
Processing Occupations	11	7	4	240	107	133	39	22	17
Machine Trades	88	62	26	598	410	188	206	115	91
Benchwork Occupations	25	16	9	458	133	325	169	89	80
Structural Work Occupations	282	221	61	2,980	1,772	1,208	569	342	227
Miscellaneous Occupations	213	105	108	2,265	979	1,286	463	211	252
Totals	1,450	978	472	15,634	8,470	7,164	3,656	2,145	1,511

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